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Girls Give Wheel Chair

Four girls from the export shipping department of Spicer Manufacturing Co., none of whom ever belonged to the girl scouts, did a good deed on November 19, when they presented the Crippled Children's Home with a new wheel chair for the use of the of the children who are recovering there from infantile paralysis.

The idea of giving the wheel chair was not planned in advance, but grew out of a desire of the four to have a Halloween party. When they decided that they would have a party, they discovered that none of their homes was large enough to accomodate the crowd they wanted to invite. They decided that as long as they were going to have a party, they would put it to good use and try and raise some money from it for a worthy cause.

After talking things over the girls decided they would give their party at Local 12's headquarters and charge admission, using the profits, if any, to purchase a wheel

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Thank You!

Workers of Spicer Union
Local 12
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Members:

On behalf of the children of the Convalescent Home, the Board of Directors and myself I wish to thank you for the wheel chair which was presented to the children of Convalescent Home yesterday. We greatly appreciate the interest which you have shown in the children of the Home. It is the help and cooperation of groups like yours that enables us to carry on our work more successfully. We would like to have your group make a trip through our Home anytime it is convenient for you to do so. If you will let us know when you can come we will be glad to have someone available to show you through.

Again thanking you for your kindness, I am

Very truly yours,
Toledo Society for Crippled Children.
Melissa M. Dailey, Supt.

House Passes Compromise Father Draft

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (FP)—The house by a unanimous voice vote passed and sent to the senate S 763, which as rewritten in conference provides that pre-war fathers be drafted only after all non-fathers who were not deferred have been drafted.

The bill is closer to the original Kilday bill (HR1730) postponing the draft of fathers, which passed the house, than the senate substitute. It directs pooling of married non-fathers and single men on a nation-wide and state-wide basis and would slow up the draft of fathers.

It is not enough for the defeatist Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D., Mont.) though. He was indignant because the provision which required proof of a man's indispensability in order to be deferred industrially was stricken out.

Subsidies Not 'Partisan Issue,' Murray Declares

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (FP)—As Congress prepared for another stiff fight on subsidies, CIO President Philip Murray warned house minority leader Joseph W. Martin, Jr. (R., Mass.) that the Republican party was labeling itself "the party of inflation." "No responsible political party or leadership can afford in this critical war period to make the demand for increased food prices a plank in its program," Murray said. "The groups fighting against subsidy payments blatantly admit that what they seek are price increases. The milk companies are already seeking and demanding immediate price increases."

Murray pointed out that "the failure of Congress to give full and effective support to control prices up to the present time" has driven labor to seek true stabilization through demands for scrapping of the Little Steel formula. "Certainly any step which will permit still further price rises redoubles the threat to our nation's efforts to achieve and maintain a stabilized home front economy," he warned.

In a separate letter to majority leader John W. McCormack, (D., Mass.) Murray said the nation looked to him to assure "the fullest and most effective support for the President" on the subsidy battle. "The issue in this subsidy fight is whether we shall keep prices within the reach of the men and women and children of America or permit food to be taken off the tables of the American public for the personal profit of special interests," he said.

House leaders also received letters from the CIO Women's Auxiliary declaring that passage of the subsidy ban would be "robbing war workers and their children of the food they need to maintain their health" and would be "an especially devastating blow at the wives of servicemen." Martin was told that Republican support of the measure would be taken as "refusal of your party to protect the barest living needs of the workers."

A Good Deed Through A Party

Shown above are Mary Rita Schira, Amita Saks, Jeanette Geis and Lola Peters, members of the Spicer Unit who through their initiative raised funds to purchase a wheel chair for the children at the Convalescent Home. Ronald Anderson, a patient at the Home, is shown accepting the chair from chairman Edward Whaley. (See story at left.)

CIO Increases Its State Vice-Presidents

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 23.—Members of the State CIO meeting here in convention in the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, today passed a constitutional amendment to increase the number of state vice-presidents from 11 to 15. Few votes were cast against the change in the constitution.

Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO regional director from Toledo, was chairman of the constitution committee.

George Delaplane, state CIO War Chest director, gave his report at this morning's session of the convention and urged all CIO members and locals in the state to give their local community War Chests their fullest cooperation. He urged that all communities which have not already done so, seek to have CIO members appointed to their War Chests and get the representation to which they are entitled.

Political Action Adopted

Most important resolution of the convention to date was that dealing with political action. The resolution, which was unanimously adopted by a standing vote, carried the provision that each international union represented at the convention designate one of their members to serve on a central political action committee, and that the action be taken before the close of the convention.

Earl Ordway, Toledo, candidate for the state presidency, spoke in favor of the resolution, pointing out that Toledo was the first city in the state to organize a political activities organization. He told of the success of the CIO and Joint Labor Committee in Toledo in electing a slate of candidates at the last election, and praised the Toledo Union Journal, which he said had led the fight in that city.

Ordway said that Toledo was one of the outstanding illustrations in the entire country of the role which labor should play in the political field, and he urged the delegates to get out in the wards and precincts of their home communities and work.

To Seek Unity

The resolution which was passed urged that the political program endeavor to operate jointly with other unions of the AFL, railroad brotherhoods, unaffiliated organizations and other liberal groups and movements.

Several other speakers brought out various points which were well received by the delegates, who applauded each speaker on the resolution.

County-Wide Scrap Drive In Progress

Here is your opportunity to shorten the war and bring OUR BOYS BACK HOME!

Mr. Robert Gilmartin, County Salvage Chairman, has issued an urgent appeal to all residents in Lucas County to give every available piece of scrap metal, paper and tin cans in the Salvage Drive to be held during the week of November 22 to 30, inclusive.

At a meeting of the Lucas County Chairman of the Salvage Drive, held November 19, the Township Chairman reported they are ready for the campaign.

All persons are urged to have their SCRAP METAL, PAPER and TIN CANS ready to be picked up. Forty thousand hand bills are being placed all over the county and posters and signs have been supplied to each community for dislay in store windows and in all public places.

Lucas County would like to to the record of the City of Toledo in its collection of these vital materials. Send Your Scrap to War is the headline of the drive. Our Armed Forces must be supplied with materials necessary to insure Victory . . . YOUR CONTRIBUTION OF SCRAP IN THIS DRIVE will mean to you that every bomb dropped, every bullet fired, every tank and every ship and plane is represented by your effort in the Community in which you live. Get your Scrap into the Scrap!

Win Friends And Influnece Congressmen

WASHINGTON (FP)—Found: a new tye of poll, conducted among wives of congressmen to use in impressing their husbands. From the interim report of the Boren interstate commerce subcommittee investigating restrictions on brand names and news print:

"Mr. Julian J. Verst, publisher of several grocery publications in Chicago, Ill., stated before the subcommittee that a national poll among the wives of Congressmen and Senators conducted by his organization, showed that 90 percent of those queried exressed themselves in favor of known brands. He expressed grave doubts that consumers actually would like grade labeling and that it would benefit them if it were adopted."

Poll Tax Hearings Resume

WASHINGTON (FP) — Poll-taxers trotted out a venerable yes-but'er to oppose HR 7, anti-poll tax bill, as the Senate Judiciary Committee resumed its hearings on the bill Nov. 2, after a week of stalling.

First of three witnesses scheduled to contest constitutionality of th measure was 75-year-old Charles Warren, attorney and lecturer, on constitutional law. Warren told the committee he considered the poll tax "unjust," but said it "should be abolished" by the sovereignty that created it," not by Congress.

Subsidy Ban Storm Gathers

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (FP)—With the ringing of the gong for the opening of the fight on subsidies, congressmen are expected to trip over each other in their effort to introduce amendments.

Republicans who are chafing at Rep. Wright Patman's (D. Tex.) charge that Section 3 of HR 3477 banning subsidies is a Republican conspiracy to raise prices, and cause dissatisfaction in hopes of a 1944 Republican victory, are going to offer amendments to take the curse off their side.

Principal threat, however, is the compromise proposal, suggested by Mike Monroney (D. Okla.), one of eight Democrats in the house banking committee who signed minority report against the Steagall-Wolcott bill.

Democrats are Intimidated

Many Democrats, intimidated by the huge lobby of cattlemen, grain men and produce men congregating here at the Raleigh hotel, dare not vote for a flat ban of subsidies such as the bill calls for but look to the Monroney substitute as a way out.

While the bill as its stands probably would be vetoed by Roosevelt should it pass congress, if modified by the Monroney amendment the President would not be expected to veto it, and yet it would tie the administration's hands in executing its subsidy program.

Under the rule granted by the reactionary house rules committee, a shouted voice vote can kill the administration's subsidy program on the floor of the house, when it comes to a vote. Ten congressmen urged a separate roll call on the subsidy issue but Eugene E. Cox (D. Ga)., Hamilton Fish (R. N. Y.) and Howard Smith (D. Va.), dominant members of the rules committee, were deaf to their plea.

Patman will introduce an amendment killing section 3, the subsidy ban. outright. Union spokesmen are working furiously on the bill urging support of the Patman amendment to congressmen.

CIO State Convention Opens in State Capital

Local 12 To Aid In Newspaper Sale

Officers and members of Local 12, UAW-CIO will participate in the Old Newsboys Good Fellow newspaper sale on December 18 according to Tom Burke, chairman of the CIO section of the paper sale.

Proceeds from the sale are used to finance projects in the vocational high schools, as well as aid underprivileged children. Clothing, shoes and other wearing apparel is provided to chidren of public and parochial schools and in need of help.

Organized in 1931, the Old Newsboys Good Fellow Association has many years of service behind it. Many civic leaders, former newsboys, belong to the group, and each year take part in the paper sale which is conducted in the downtown district and other sections of the city.

CIO Aided Sale in 1942

CIO participation in the newspaper sale began last year with thousands of newspapers being sold around Toledo factories. This year, the sale is expected to be much larger due to increased participation of the CIO and increased employment.

Mr. Burke stated, "we believe that this is a worthwhile project and are giving it our full cooperation and aid. This year, we will not only sell papers at the various factories; but our people will take part in the downtown sale."

To Have Paper

This year, for the first time, the Old Newsboys Association will produce its own newspaper, a souvenir edition which will be edited by Kenneth Hamel, clerk of the Board of Elections. Local 12 will have a section of the paper which will be compiled by O. J. Pecord, managing editor of the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL.

Officers of the Old Newsboys Good Fellow Association are Ray Kest, president; Judge Harvey Straub, 1st vice-president; Gerald Cullen, 2nd vice-president; Kenton Keilholtz, 3rd vice-president; Dwight Hatcher, secretary and Frank Trout, treasurer. Dave Topper is chairman of the newspaper sale.

WLB Approves UAW Plan

WASHINGTON — (FP) — The Natl. War Labor Board unanimously approved a group incentive plan covering all hourly paid workers at the Chance Vought division of the United Aircraft Corp. at Stratford, Conn.

Jointly submitted by the company and the United Auto Workers (CIO), the plan covers more than 10,000 workers and is retroactive to June 1, 1943. Approval by WLB follows by a few weeks action of the UAW at its October convention in voting down a proposed endorsement of wage incentive plans.

The plan provides a monthly premium estimated by applying an overall percentage to the total monthly earnings of each emloye. This percentage is based on a three months' average preceeding the payroll period, and represents one-half of the increased production as measured by actual hours worked, compared to the standard for a given output of planes and parts. Correction is made for subcontracted work used in the completed plane in computing the premium.

Refute Chicago Slander Of Workers

CHICAGO (FP) — Charges by The Chicago Tribune that members of the United Auto Workers (CIO) were sabotaging production in the Studebaker Corp. plant here have been emphatically refuted by the management.

Studebaker Board Chairman H. S. Vance flatly denied the charges, saying: "We have had no strikes. A good production job has been done. Our Chicago plant was awarded the Army-Navy E in April and a star was recently added."

Under a large scare headline, How Reds Rule War Plant, the Tribune had said that Communists in the UAW were not only sabotaging production but were running dice games, keeping book on horses and otherwise demoralizing employes at the plant. The situation was said to be so bad that Lt. George Barnes of the police labor detail had to be called in to curb Communists.

The story was also refuted by Barnes, who said he hadn't been near the plant for months. He spoke highly of UAW Local Pres. Frank Jordan.

Local AMA Groups Knife Health Program

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (FP)—While the national American Medical Assn. is supporting U. S. Public Health Service's program to recruit doctors for dangerously exposed war industry areas, state AMA groups are doing a behind-the-scenes job of knifing the program, it was learned here.

It was reported that state AMA groups were quietly putting pressure on members of a senate appropriations subcommittee, headed by Sen. Kenneth McKellar (D. Tex.), to prevent it from restoring the meager $1,000,000,000 asked for by Public Health and ditched by the house appropriations committee.

Behind closed doors, the senate subcommittee heard Sen. Claude Pepper (D. Fla.), head of the wartime health and education subcommittee, make a strong plea for restoration of the funds. Public Health planned to use the money to recruit 300 doctors in surplus areas to go to war industry areas as uniformed officers of Public Health and 300 private physicians who would relocate under a plan paying them moving costs and $250 a month for three months.

Files Petition To Discharge Committee

WASHINGTON—(FP) — Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP N. Y.) has filed a petition to discharge the rules committee from further consideration of his bill, HR 1732, giving statutory powers to the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee. He urged labor and Negro groups to ask congressmen to sign discharge petition No. 17.

It's Hot!

Read Edward Duck's column this week on the AL situation on the editorial page. Mr. Duck will meet anyone who wishes to debate the questions in his article under the conditions which were named by him in a column of several weeks ago.

Contests Developing For Important Offices

By O. J. Pecord

COLUMBUS, Nov. 22—When the State CIO Convention opened here today, 627 delegates were in their seats instead of the 800 who were expected to be in attendance. They listened to president Jack Kroll review the activities of the past year and outline the hopes for the future.

President Kroll was particularly bitter when he discussed Governor John Bricker, whom he said had "been going around the country throwing his hat into, I don't know how many rings."

Reviewing the political action of the State CIO, Mr. Kroll stated that some progress had been made, but that the future demanded a greater effort on the part of organized labor.

Brophy Is Speaker

John Brophy of the National CIO, Washington, was the speaker of the afternoon, as was Allen Haywood of the Steel Workers organizing staff. Both speakers discussed the war effort and told of the workers dissatisfaction with the Little Steel formula, which they both agreed must be readjusted to meet the realities of the economic conditions of the country.

It was apparent during the day that a spirited political contest was developing in the State organization for the offices of president and secretary-treasurer. This became particularly acute after the news circulated throughout the convention hall that Ted Silvey was resigning because of a "better job." Mr. Silvey himself stated that he was resigning when he made his report to the afternoon session of the convention.

Ordway Is Candidate

The other contest was between Earl S. Ordway, Toledo, incumbent vice-president, and Jack Kroll, president of the State organization. At first, it seemed that Ordway's chances of securing the election were remote; but as the day wore on, his chances grew much better with a large number of delegations saying they were voting for the Toledo man.

Rumors which flew around the meeting to the effect tha Ted Silvey was "playing hard to get" and was going to be drafted for secretary-treasurer seemed to injure,

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Workers Visit Air Force Overseas

WASHINGTON—(FP) — Four American workers on a tour of British war industries stopped off at U. S. Eighth Air Force headquarters somewhere in England for a look at the planes and weapons they turn out back home in action.

The four workers are Joseph Smith, Chrysler Corp., Detroit, a member of the United Auto Workers (CIO); Stanley Ceizyk, Lockheed Aircraft, Burbank, Calif., Intl. Assn. of Machinists (AFL); Otto O. Butler, Monsanto Chemical Co., E. St. Louis, Ill., Chemical Workers Union (AFL); and Hugh T. Mahoney, Bethlehem Steel Cor., Bethlehem, Pa., United Steelworkers (CIO). Four British workers selected from the same industries will return to the U. S with the Americans for a similar tour.

Ceizyk, Polish-born manufacturing engineer in the experimental division at Lockheed beamed as Brig.-Gen. Robert P. Williams, commander of an Eighth Air Force bomber division, told him:

"When our men see these Lockheed Lightnings coming, they throw their hats into the air and cheer . . . the German pilots call these planes of the Fork-Tailed Devils."

Shown serial photographs of damage done to targets at Schweinfurt, Regensburg, Hamburg and other German industrial cities, Smith said these photographs prove "that our bombardiehs are aiming at the factories and not the people of Europe." He added: "From the pictures I've seen I doubt if Germany can retool Schweinfurt's destruction during this war."

Form Defense Committee For Ernest Fox

SEATTLE—(FP) — Formation of a committee to fight for the release of Ernest Forx, former Washington state CIO organizer held here as an enemy alien, has been voted by the executive board of the Washington Commonwealth, labor's political arm here.

Co-chairman of the committee are Intl. Vice Pres. Jess Fletcher of the Building Service Employes Union (AFL)and Intl. Rep. A. E. Harding of United Cannery Agricultural Packing & Allied Workers (CIO). At present the Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born is taking the Fox case direct to Pres. Roosevelt.

Spicer FCU Loans Million Dollars

More than one million dollars has been loaned to its members by the Spicer Federal Credit Union in seven years of operation. This was brought out last week in a Spicer Credit Union report showing that since the start of business, June 12, 1936, a total of $1,019,526.75 has been loaned.

With 2,931 members, Spicer employes have total assets of $322,499.94 of which $120,547.23 is in current loans outstanding. These loans have been made for financing automobiles, purchasing furniture, paying hospital and doctor bills and many other purposes.

Assets amounting to $15,000 in federal savings and loan shares, and $150,297.50 invested in Series F., United States Government bonds having a maturity of over $202,000 are owned by the credit union.

Hillbilly Team Wins Detroit Union Song Battle

DETROIT—(FP)—The hillbilly invasion of Detroit's auto plants, in process since the Hoover depression of the early thirties, carried a new strong point Nov. 21 when first prize, a $100 war bond, in Briggs Aircraft Local 742's Song Battle-Royal, was carried off by a Virginia hillbilly team of mandolin, fiddle and bullfiddle strummers. The two men and a woman are workers in the aircraft plant and members of the United Auto Workers (CIO).

Singers and instrumentalists from a dozen UAW locals competed in the tournament, the windup of a successful education conference on war and union problems staged by Education Director Sam Sweet of Local 742.

Ford Local 600 won the $50 bond as second prize for a magnificent chorus singing of a 3-theme United Nations number based on Tchaikowsky's 1812 Overture, the Free French marching song and When Johnny Comes Marching Home. The chorus in full force numbers 100 men and women of white and colored races, directed by Cyril Barker.

A Negro quintet of Local 742 gave new harmony to the familiar song which they stressed as Sweet Ad-o-Line. It won tremendous applause.

Chairman E. E. Witte of the regional war labor board had a bad quarter hour at the education conference when he faced delegates angry over the interminable delay by his board in reaching their ancient grievances. His usual adroitness failed him that time and he was obliged to sit down without carrying off the honors of debate.

UAW Education Director Wm. Lovitt analyzed the forces behind race discrimination in the leading address of the conference, showing how they aimed to divide workers and weaken the power of the United Nations against fascism.

Big Business Desperate; Promise Postwar Jobs

Big business' blueprint for the postwar world is no longer a military secret. Wall Street bankers, industrial executives and local chamber of commerce bigwigs are engaged in a great publicity campaign to sell the American people on their particular postwar plan.

Typical is the 4-point plan to "provide the necessary incentives to preserve and rebuild our free enterprise system" proposed recently to the Economic Club of Detroit by Chairman Alfred P. Sloan Jr. of General Motors Corp. It goes like this:

1. The government should hand over its 15 billion dollars' worth of wartime industrial plant and equipment to big business. "What could be more helpful," Sloan asked, than to meet in this way the "responsibility" the government has to "rebuild a foundation of confidence" among timid big businessmen?

2. The government must promise to be nice in the future about taxing profits. "Tax rates on capital gains should be reduced, preferably eliminated," Sloan said. "Also, when the war is over, taxes on individual incomes must be sharply reduced to rates which are not confiscatory from the point of view of prejudicing the incentive profit."

3. Power must be taken away from organized labor. Labor's strength, Slian said, is the "most serious cloud in the immediate postwar period," so something must be done right away to remedy "the great gains in privileges labor is now enjoying, which are manifestly unfair."

4. After the government has thus fulfilled its responsibility to business—from then on it should leave business strictly alone.

People Not Equal

"Men are not created equal," Sloan said, and it must be understood from the beginning that political action demanded by the people can never solve the post-war problem—the "dynamic and imaginative leadership" of big business must be the foundation of any "realistic planning."

President Frederick Coolidge Crawford of the National Association of Manufacturers, in a recent radio broadcast, admitted that after the war people will want jobs. However, post-war jobs are strictly the responsibility of big business. "No one can guarantee jobs," he said. "You can't have jobs without having employers and there can't be employers without capital. If business is denied the chance now to accumulate this needed new capital, new jobs which will be needed so badly will not be created."

Government Restrictions

Crawford demanded an immediate end to all annoying government restrictions on profits, wages, treatment of labor. After excessive taxes are destroyed and the government's 50 billion dollars' worth of war supplies is "made available" to private enterprise — then, said Crawford, big business will certainly try in this matter of jobs for all.

The Fundamentals of Post-war Planning as outlined by the First National Bank of Boston in its current New England Letter followed the same line, as did a recent speech made by President Eric A. Johnston of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce to the American Management Association. Editorials in The Wall Street Journal, house organ of high finance, have been frank in using post-war planning to justify demands for more profits and more restrictions on labor now.

Both the AFL and CIO, although mainly concerned with winning the war, considered post-war problems in their recent national conventions. As revealed in convention resolutions and editorials in the labor press, labor's main concern about the post-war world is jobs. (A recent Gallup poll revealed 59% of "average American people" worrying: "Will I have a job when the war is over?")

Sloan, Crawford and all the other Wall Street planners say: "Just leave it to us and we'll give you jobs." But they neglect to say how. Big business' pipeline on post-war planning leads straight back to the good old days when 17 million were unemployed and "one third of the nation was ill-fed, ill-housed, ill-clothed."

Labor agrees that jobs are the key problem. Labor also agrees that it will have to work out its own post-war plan and use political power to put its own plan across.

Girls Give Wheel Chair

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chair for the Crippled Children's Home.

When the party was over and the expenses paid, the four young ladies discovered they had made enough to carry out their project. As a result the Crippled Children's Home is one chair richer than it was before.

Presenting the chair to the crippled children were the sponsors of the party, Anita Saks, 4037 Packard Rd.; Jeanette Geis, 414 Victoria Pl.; Mary Rita Schira, 429 Victoria Pl. and Lola Peters, 3339 Cherry St.

Ronald Anderson, 7, son of William Anderson of the Spicer Unit of Local 12 and a patient in the home, accepted the chair. He thanked the girls in the name of the staff and the children of the home and told the girls how he appreciated their gift. Then he said, "I have a girl out here and I promised her a ride in it." Ronald also told the girls, "we name all the chairs out here, and I'm going to name this one "War Hawk."

As a result of the idea which the young girls put into practice, there is a plant-wide drive on in Spicer's to raise more money to purchase more chairs for the Crippled Children's Home, proof that one good turn deserves another, and a great compliment to the four young lady members of Local 12 who led the way.

WLB Apologizes To Green

WASHINGTON (FP) — Chairman William H. Davis and two public members of the Natl. War Labor Board, rebuked by AFL Pres. William Green for an anti-labor statement, now reply they didn't mean it at all—except as applied to Pres. John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers (unaffiliated).

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Auxiliary Discusses Problems

By Mary L. Vallant

Meeting in Philadelphia at the same time the CIO held its convention there, the Congress of Women's Auxiliaries discussed five problems relating to women in industry, child care and youth program, Consumer problems, War Activities and political action.

Auxiliaries were urged to educate women in industry in unionism so they would become active members. It was pointed out that many women entering industry for the first time hamper the mechanism of the Unions due to their lack of understanding of the functuous of the organizations.

Child Care Emphasized

Adequate program must be provided for the care of children of working mothers, and it is the duty and responsibility of labor to provide such a program according to the expression of the delegates to the convention.

Youth centers for guidance and training should be maintained regardless whether or not their parent are employed according to the majority of the convention. Financing of such centers could be accomplished through the Federal Works Agency for civilian recreational war-time facilities.

Servicemen's welfare was the limit of the war activities report. It recommendated participation in Red Cross work, National War Fund and urged auxiliaries to cooperate with their unions along these lines.

Consider Consumer Problems

Important consideration was given to consumer problems with the committee urging that everyone support the price rollback and payent of subsidies. Full support of the OPA was urged.

Political action was urged upon all Auxiliaries who were told to give their full supoprt to the Political Action Program adpoted by the CIO.

Local Shows Half Million Net Assets

DEARBORN, Mich. (FP)—Taking a full page in its official tabloid, Ford Local 600, United Auto Workers (CIO), revealed to its 80,000 members and to all the world its prosporous financial standing as found by certified public accountants as of Aug. 31, 1943.

Total assets were $557,168.39. Total liabilities were $55,687.21. This left net assets of almost exactly half a million—$501,481.18. Biggest single asset was real estate and improvements, listed at cost of $198,638.82. Next was cash in bank and on hand of $109,084.01. Third was government bonds listed at cost of $86,987.

The local was given the special U. S. treasury award for the second time Nov. 21 for having sold more war bonds than any other local union in the country. The special treasury flag carries the line, Leaders Of The Nation 1943.

To forestall any trend toward spending sprees, Fin. Sec. W. G. Grant announced:

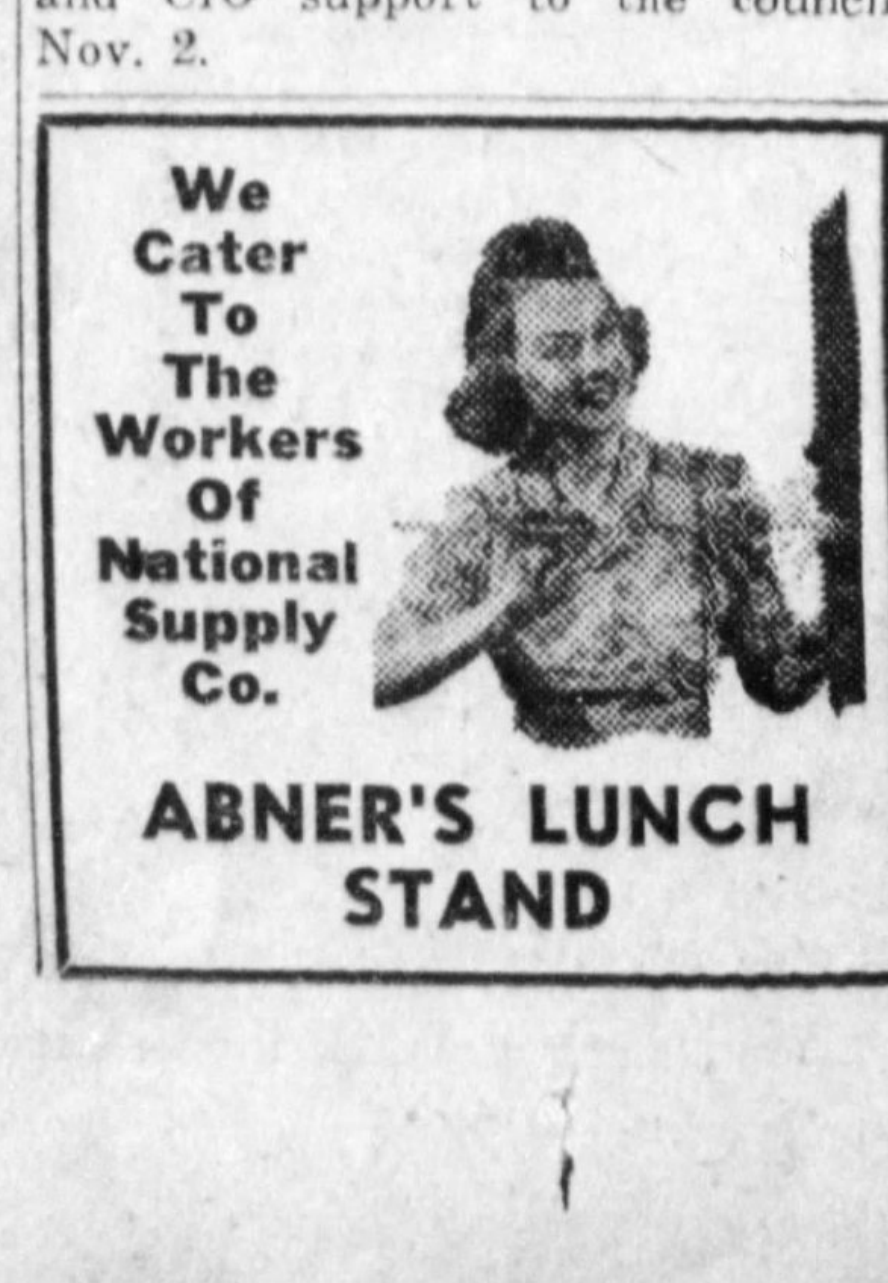
"Even with our net assets of a half a million dollars this amounts to only $6 per member. We will have battles to fight and you do not win battles if you run short of funds. $6 per member is a mere pittance.

Renegade Labor Man Yanked Off Willow Run Personnel Job

WILLOW RUN, Mich. (FP)—Former UAW-CIO organizer John Ringwald, expelled by the international convention at Buffalo in October for 99 years because of his anti-labor activity as labor relations chief at the Ford Motor Co. Willow Run bomber plant, was yanked off the job Nov. 16. The new man is Col. August M. Kroch, retired army officer. Ringwald, the official salve said, was "promoted to other duties."

Bus Driver Does Not Hold Public Office

DETROIT (FP)—Driving a bus for the city-owned transportation system is not "holding public office" in the meaning of the Detroit city charter. Therefore Councilman-elect Fred C. Castator may keep his hand on the wheel, the city law office rules. Castator, past vice-president of Div. 26, Amalgamated Assn. of Street Electric Railway & Motor Coach Employes (AFL) elected with combined AFL and CIO support to the council Nov. 2.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President Thomas Discovers Radio Prefers Labor

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (FP)—President R. J. Thomas of the United Auto Workers (CIO) found that the radio industry, which has been pushing labor around on the air, at least prefers labor to government.

A little bewildered at his own success as a witness before the senate interstate commerce committee, Thomas found himself the object of attentiveness from both senators and big shots in radio. After the hearing, Vice-President Frank E. Mullen of the National Broadcasting Co. told Thomas, it was learned, that he wanted to get together with labor to work out a program to prevent the government's taking over the industry. Thomas gulped a little, it was reported, as Mullen went on to assure him that hereafter he could get time on the air at any time.

Senators were busy explaining that the committee, meeting to consider S 814, the Wheeler-White bill to reorganize the Federal Communications Commission, would rewrite it to include FCC regulations of networks and to provide equal time to labor on controversial subjects.

Thomas First Witness

Thomas, first witness from organized labor, opposed the bill on the grounds it would interfere with FCC's work. The bill has been pushed by industry in the hope that FCC would be weakened and that, with the commissions divided as called for in the bill, Chairman James F. Fly's authority would be reduced or even eliminated.

Citing refusal of stations to sell time to the UAW and curbs against programs supporting win-the-war programs and the Commander-in-Chief, Thomas demanded an investigation of "private censorships which are keeping labor off the air," and abolition of the National Association of Broadcasters' code.

Thomas told the committee exhaustively what he thought of Fulton Lewis Jr., commentator over the Mutual network. Lewis used an "elaborate technique in an attack on the freedom of speech of Congress itself," he said. Under guise of giving his opponent a hearing, Lewis let Rep. Wright Patman (D., Tex.) reply in behalf of subsidies. The commentator then "proceeded to indulge in a personal attack on Mr. Patman for using that time in a way Mr. Lewis didn't like," he said.

Plugs for N. A. M.

Lewis was the broadcaster who attacked the UAW and its consumer counsel, Donald Montgomery and in the subsequent five months has failed to grant requests by either union or counsel to reply. Lewis, former employe of the National Association of Manufacturers, last June "devoted a broadcast to plugging the NAM slogan of 'Free Enterprise' and disparaging the Four Freedoms which the people are fighting are fighting for," said Thomas.

As head of "one of the biggest free enterprises in this country," said Thomas, "it gets my goat to hear them (the NAM) hide behind the slogan of 'Free Enterprise' because they are afraid to come out with their real program. And it gets my goat to hear their friend and sympathizer, Fulton Lewis, posing on the air as impartial while he knifes labor every day in the week and labor cannot buy or borrow a chance to answer him."

Let Congress Know

Organized labor is letting congress know it is watching the vote on the following:

HR 7—Marcantonio: repeals poll tax. Labor united in support, urging senators to vote for cloture to limit debate.

SJ 2—O'Mahoney: would repeal poll tax by constitutional amendment. A delaying action supported by poll taxers. Labor opposes vigorously.

HR 3477—Steagall: bans use of subsidies to maintain or reduce prices to consumer. Scheduled to reach house floor late week of Nov. 15. Labor urging amendment to permit subsidies.

TAX BILL—Headed for quick action in house. Chairman Doughton of ways and means committee has said he would ask for gag rule. Labor protesting it, asking complete revision of inadequate, spare-the-rich bill.

S 1161 — Wagner-Murray-Dingell: Extends social security, would provide almost $6,000,000 in revenue first year. Has AFL, CIO support.

HR 2328—Lynch: forbids mailing of anti-Negro, anti-Jewish and other race hatred inciting material. Labor urging house postoffice subcommittee, headed by Sam Weis (D. Pa.), to report it.

HR 3598 — deficiency appropriations. Labor urging senators to restore cuts for NLRB, WMC, FSA, U. S. Public Health, FHA, etc. voted by house.

Company Union Revival Under Amendment

ST. LOUIS—(FP)—All that is needed today to stop an NLRB election is to revive a defunct company union.

Such was the ruling here by the regional NLRB director when he refused to hold an election at the Axelson Mfg. Co., small arms plant. The ruling, opening the way for revival of hundreds of company outfits throughout the country, was based upon recent congressional action amending the Wagner act to prohibit the NLRB from setting aside contracts in force for more than three months.

The ruling extended the pattern set by Comptroller Gen. Lindsay C. Warren, who ordered the NLRB not to disturb company union contracts under the congressional prohibition.

The company union, Axelson Employes Assn., had been dormant until the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers (CIO) began an organizing drive at the plant about three months ago. It was revived at the last minute to forestall organization, which was proceeding rapidly.

Company union officers, however, resigned and advised their members to join the CIO organization. The association president was fired a few days after his resignation, allegedly for "work spoilage."

The UE requested an election at Axelson and the company consented, provided its union would be included on the ballot. Before an agreement could be reached on the bargaining units, the decision of the regional labor board director was handed down.

According to the union, the association has only a verbal contract with management, calling for recognition and setting up skeleton grievance machinery.

OPA ANNOUNCES CITRUS ROLLBACK

WASHINGTON — (FP) — As congress debated subsidies the OPA announced a 10 to 15% rollback in citrus fruits in retail prices. The government will buy and resell the crop at a loss according to previous announcements. Oranges will average 9½c a pound.

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Dayton City Employees Win

DAYTON, O. (FP)—Vigorous pressure policies, including strikes both in the municipal division and the schools have won big gains for the 700 members of Dayton Public Service Union, American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employes (AFL).

Since June 1942 wage raises have averaged 25% while the common labor rate has been pushed from 50c an hour to 70c—a 40% boost. Premium pay for overtime, standard vacation and sick leave clauses and full civil service benefits were won, according to Business Agent, Charles Bauer.

The union is now working for wage reclassifications to iron out inequities in the city and school payrolls. Union dues are $1.25 a month, initiation $2 and there are no assessments.

"You pay your dues and that's all," says Bauer.

Teamsters Win Verdict

SAN FRANCISCO (FP)—The California supreme court has reversed a lower court decision which gave $20,500 damages to George W. Emde and Louis Marshall, San Joaquin valley dairymen, against the Intl. Bro. of Teamsters (AFL) in Stockton.

Emde and Marshall, operating the Happyhome Dairy, charged that the union had ruined their business by a series of articles in The Stockton Labor Journal against the dairy's labor policy.

In a 5 to 2 decision the supreme court refused them both actual and punitive damages, saying that they had the same right of free speech as the union and that they had the opportunity to make a public defense of which they did not take advantage.

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Convention Opens in Columbus

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rather than aid Mr. Silvey's cause. Chances of Silvey's election became doubtful due to the rumor and up to a late hour. No denial had been made of the rumor except to the Toledo Union Journal.

When asked what he was going to do after quitting his job, Silvey told the Journal representative he was going back to a Linotype machine.

Reemployment

One of the best talks of the day was that given at the afternoon session by Col. Louis Sinders of the Division of Reemployment of the Selective Service Administration. The officer spoke extemporaneously and on several occasions was given enthusiastic applause.

Col. Sinders made reference to the ill feeling among the troops at the front because of the strikes back home. And said that much of that feeling was because of what the troops did not know. He made an inferential reference to the "bad public relationships which damage some organizations more than their enemies do," and it was obvious that he meant some labor unions.

Explaining the work of his department in placing discharged soldiers in their old jobs or in new ones. Col. Sinders said that this not present any problem at the present time due to the employment conditions; but stated this would be more difficult in the post-war period. He said it was his hope that full employment would be provided after the war for every man or woman who wanted to vote.

Attorney Is Candidate

When Col. Sinders had finished his talk, he was given a very good hand by the delegates and visitors and offered to answer any questions which the convention might wish to ask him.

Last reports on the secretary-treasurer position which may be vacated, if Ted Silvey decides definitely not to run, are that Wm. V. Lavelle, Columbus attorney of the Steel Workers Local 2606, and Paul Fessenden, Rubber Workers, Akron, will be opponents seeking the post.

Profits Up--- Business Squawks

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (FP)—Big business, squawking its head off at renegotiation of contracts and taxes to divert some of its war profits to fighting Hitler, didn't do so badly since 1939. The Treasury division of tax research estimated that by Dec. 31, U. S. corporations will have earned an aggregate of $29 billion after deduction of all taxes since 1939.

The corporations didn't pay out all those profits to stockholders, either, belying the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers' oft-repeated howl that industry will have no money to convert to peacetime production because the government takes it all. The report showed $12.3 billions held out on stockholders as "net earnings."

Lift Hog Restrictions

WASHINGTON (FP)—To help in handling the slaughter and distribution of this year's record hog supply, the War Food Administration lifted for 90 days restrictions on number of pounds of pork and lard made from home-slaughtered hogs that can be sold or given by a farmer to people not living on his farm.

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Manpower Necessitates Further Restrict Worker

DETROIT—(FP)—Because there is enough labor now in the Detroit area but not properly distributed or utilized, further restrictions on the right of workers to shop around for jobs have been agreed to by labor, managment and government representatives on the War Manpower Commission here, it was announced Nov. 20.

The principal restriction is that a worker can no longer quit a war job and automatically take a new one at a higher rate. To get the higher-paying job now he must get a clearance from his present employer. Failing that he must get the clearance from the U. S. employment service but only on the basis that he is more essential in the higher-paying job than in his present job. From the USES he has an appeal to the labor-management committee of WMC. From there he has an appeal to the regional board but the board says in advance that in most cases it would be a waste of time.

Keep Out New Labor

The purpose of the restriction and of others also added to the Detroit employment regulations is to keep out new or in-migrant labor because of housing, food and other bottlenecks and to utilize local labor at peak capacity, even if not at peak individual skills. With the tooling program practically ended, the WMC says, toolmakers cannot expect to work at their peak rates but must take what is open.

The former 30-day idle period, which a man could take in order to obtain a clearance from the USES automatically, is now doubled to 60 days. Another restriction is that a worker cannot leave Detroit for jobs elsewhere unless he has a USES clearance and even then he cannot go into areas closed to in-migration.

Can Solve Problem

Both AFL and CIO representatives on the labor-management advisory committee agree that Detroit can solve its manpower problems with local labor.

"There is sufficient labor here among those not now employed and among those now employed in less essential work," says Pros. Frank H. Martel of the Detroit & Wayne County Federation of Labor (AFL). This was confirmed by a United Auto Worker (CIO) staff man.

Clearances are still granted by employers or automatically by the USES if the employers balk for discharge, 7-day layoff, undue hardship like transportation, or substandard wages or working conditions on a national basis, set by law or the Natl. War Labor Board. But this means standard for the job he is on, not for a job which he may be qualified to do but which is doomed less essential than the one he is on.

"The bread policy," the War Manpower office told Federated Press, "is maximum use of each worker in the job where he is most needed, in the interest of production for victory. This may involve working for a time at a lower rate than a man could possibly get elsewhere, but it is believed that a sacrifice of a nickel an hour will be cheerfully made on this basis in the instances where it is necessary for the time being."

To take a particular instance, a man on a polishing job in production at the Packard Motor Car Co. cannot now get himself transferred to a higher-paying job in the toolroom for which he is qualified if at present he is more needed on the production job in the same plant. Appeal from the management to the USES and WMC labor-management committee will now probably be in vain, under the tightened rules.

Some plants are already laying off workers. Others are introducing time-study plans, with both union and management having a voice in setting production standards, in order to eliminate labor hoarding—a notorious practice of Detroit employers.

Snyder Resigns From FSA

WASHINGTON (FP)—Raub Snyder has resigned as chief of the Farm Security Administration's Cooperative Division to become director of the Natl. Farmers Union Cooperative Service Division, it was announced here.

NFU Pres. James Patton said Snyder had been enlisted "in the expanding services which the union proposes to offer to working farm families to the end that family type farming may better compete with the fictitious and costly economies claimed by corporate farm [illegible] tion of factories in the field."

Federal Aid Given Wives Of Enlistees

WASHINGTON (FP)—Nearly 1000,00 wives and babies of enlisted men in the four lowest pay grades of the services were cared for under the federal maternity and infant care program between its adoption in April, 1943 and Nov. 1, the Labor Dept. Children's Bureau announced here. Colorado has joined in the program, raising the total number of states involved to 45.

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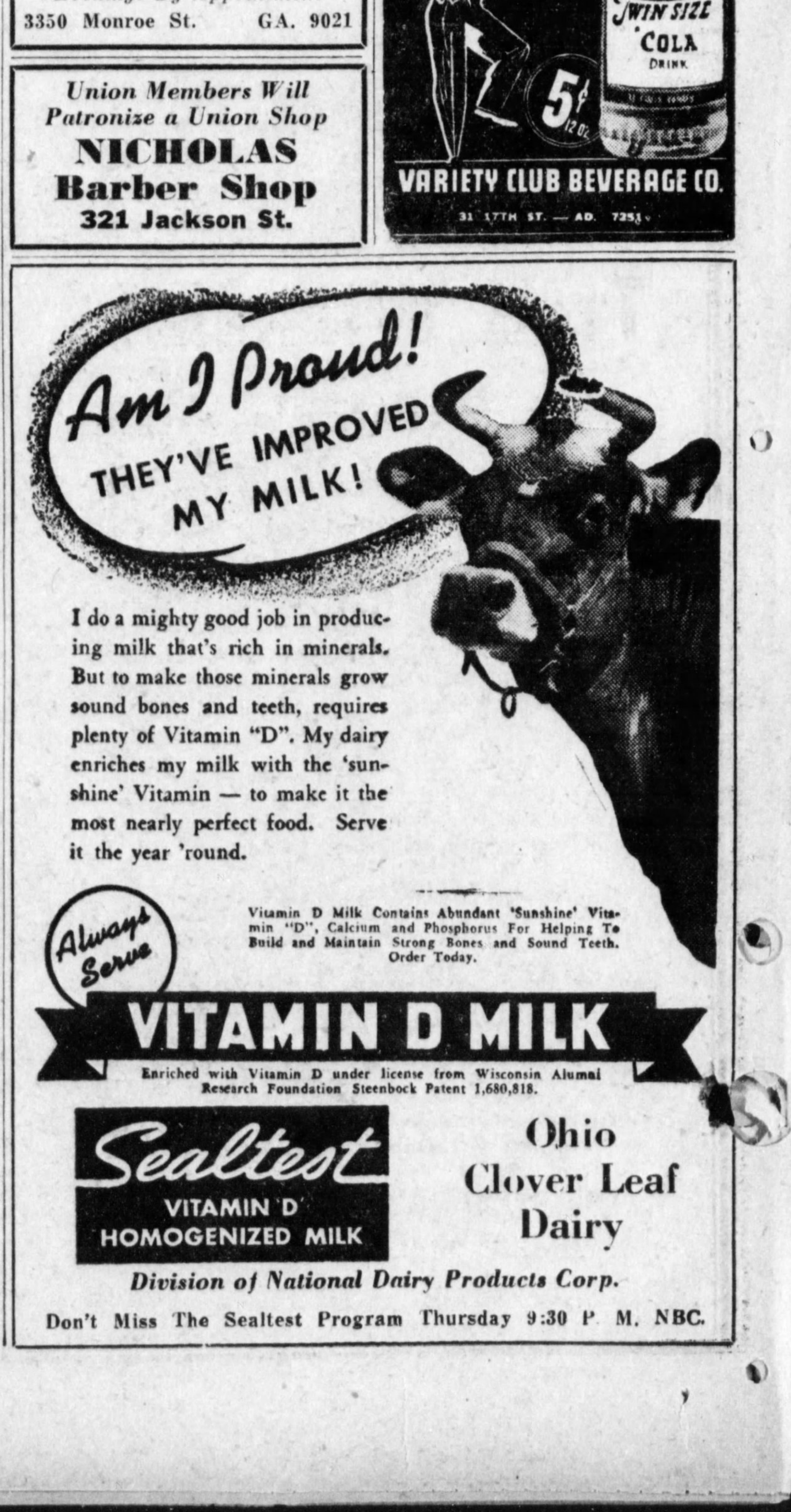
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Auto-Lite News

Dept. 2 plus the entire second shift extend our deepest sympathy to Iva McIntosh with the loss of her mother.

The contest on the lathe line was quite hectic, congratulations to Pat Heams and Lucy Kopaczewski. Better luck next time girls. Pretty sweaters, girls?

Hurry and get well Edith, the lathe operators miss you and Marvel Friend is very desolate.

Ethel Mathews reported back from a visit with friend husband who is stationed in Boston. The people were odd, living costs were exceedingly high, and the night life folded at 11:30, quotes Ethel, but grand to be with Pappy.

Dorothy Barabash was the envy of all the girls in Dept. 2, when she appeared at work wearing a beautiful orchid, her boy friend in the Navy doesn't forget important dates, does he Dot?

The Credit Union is a great advantage to the workers although we realize the majority usually wins but the minority have some money to deposit too, when someone stays after 3:30 it will be greatly appreciated by the second shift. We know the board members have plenty of work, but we want attention too!

Rose Lawson has a pretty perky grin on of late, we wouldn't ask question, but my that permanent is becoming—Mill Line, Attention.

Mrs. Ledra Vernier was interviewed at the Colony Bowling Alley in regard to her husbands ever increasing appetite, she has this to relate, quote, "Our weekly allowance of points are used in making special dishes for Ledra, if when he carries on his many duties he becomes hungry, it positively isn't from non-nourishment at home. So girls, let's hide the potato chips, pop corn and hot peppers." We sincerely believe Mrs. Vernier.

The second shift hasn't had the privilege of having a fire drill, to date, we realize we don't need practice in being orderly or obeying orders but we don't like to be neglected either.

We all miss Jim Davis from the second shift but our loss is the first shifts gain Lucky they.

Clyde Gunter of Dept. 3 has everyone's deepest sympathy not only because he has the flu but mainly because poor lad missed the important day he had been looking forward to and been talking about since last August. Here he had to get sick before Nov. 18—the first day of Bing-Bang—not Bingo. Too bad Clyde, but sickness will overtake you. With your shot gun propped by your bed and your dog lying wishfully waiting, you can't remain ill to long.

P. S. Another reminder to get well faster; your Bowling team needs you, they lost a game due to your absence.

Eddie Smith of Dept. 31 doesn't worry about the shortage of shells, however he charges for his tactics. Broken necks doesn't make them taste any different. May be that he had some Commando training? How about it, Eddie?

The Gallant Lumber Bowling team certainly look becoming with their felching flowers in their hair each week. Your sponsors should be proud of not only your appearance, but also your ability.

Many new faces have appeared on the second shift in Dept.'s 35 and 2. We welcome you one and all.

Mary Rose West of Dept. 2 became Rosemary West due to birth certificate registration, strange things have materialized with the advent of those all revealing papers. Don't fret Mary we prefer Rosemary.

Anyone bringing their lunch with anything slightly resembling pheasant is being forwarned; they will be stampeeded by every hungry person in every department. Notice is now being served, you must eat in soltitude.

The second shift should be heartily proud of their contribution to the servicemen's Christmas Fund. Such cooperation is worthy of praise and to all who made this possible goes a great big "Thank You."

What's the matter with assembly, no news in this issue. Brace up girls and get to pitching.

Leona James from the Drill line is back to work after a 90-day leave and if anyone at Aviation can report harder luck than she, it would be a sad tale of woe. They buy a new home, one week later Leona is in the hospital, she comes home and her oldest daughter is rushed to the hospital and to climax the story her youngest daughter is next to visit the hospital. Anyone think their troubles are great, consult Leona for particulars.

Rowena Emch should never be expected to have a large bowling score. Thursday being payday they wear her resistance ot a frazzle carrying around the checks. I suggest we borrow Elmer's wagon and see that she is delivered in style to perform this tiresome but essential duty.

You will be hearing more from Aviation Products very soon but until then The Seeing Eye will bid you a fond Adieu.

Rail Unions Appeal to Public

WASHINGTON (FP)—Spokesmen for over a million non-operating railroad workers took their demand for an eight cent hourly wage increase to the American people in a nationwide broadcast on the Labor for Victory program.

Pres. George M. Harrison of the Bros. of Railway Clerks (AFL) and Donald Richberg, counsel for the 15 nonoperating railroad unions, joined in urging support of the Truman Crosser resolution, which would put congress on record in favor of the eight cent increase, awarded by a special emergency board and later overruled by Director of Economic Stabilization Fred Vinson as inflationary.

Harrison charged that the sliding scale of wage increases, from four to 10 cents an hour, awarded by a second presidential board and approved by Vinson is "theoretical" and "wholly impractical of application." Summing up the case of the railroad workers, Harrison said:

Subsidies Save 15 Billion

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (FP)—Government outlay of 800 million dollars for subsidies has saved consumers and the government 15 billion dollars in higher food prices, OPA head Chester Bowles said in a radio broadcast on the eve of a showdown fight in congress on the subsidy issue.

If congress accepts the rider attached to the Commodity Credit Corp. bill, banning the use of subsidies, "we are going to be in trouble as far as the cost of living is concerned—there's no doubt about it," Bowles warned.

Scuttling of the subsidy program will result in a penny a quart increase in milk, three cents a pound on cheese, four and a half cents on butter, and two to six cents a pound on meat, he said. He outlined a total subsidy program which calls for the expenditure of one and one-half billion dollars.

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In Local 12 we have an extensive library of books, technical, fiction, non-fiction, historical, and so forth, from which you can get a fair education. Read all you can in order that you may learn to be better prepared to face the world and remember that there are pals willing to help you, so let the good work go forward.

We hear that Doris Pawlicki's typewritten love letters to her soldier boyfriend have that certain something that would even melt icebergs! And that Mary Martin is a very, very good Union Member. That's the gal, Mary! Both of these girls are members of the Willys Unit and are employed in the Aircraft Dept. 761.

Joe Fraszewski of Dept. 697 at W. O. just sweeps and sweeps and sweeps.

Johnny Kiplinger proved a popular choice to succeed Clem Holewinski as trustee. Clem, you know, is now Private Clem of the U. S. Army.

National Supply

By Shorty Sager

Orchids to a good Steward and one of our most active members is Art Denman, night steward in the Navy Welding. Art is on his toes all the time and willing to work his heart out for our Unit and his fellow workers. You brothers in the Navy Welding can be proud that you have such a fine man to represent you as Art. Keep up the good work Art.

AROUND THE SHOP

Al Eates our good friend and a swell fellow from the Layout Dept. was recently inducted in the Army. We all wish you the best of luck, Al.

After all these years Johnny McKnight finally got a haircut. You can move your ears back up now Johnny.

We might find an excuse for some brothers not to donate to the soldiers fund but when a man with a son in the service who receives one of these boxes, that refuses to give there just doesn't seem to be an excuse.

We wonder how many would be Pilgrims went out and got their Thanksgiving dinner without ration points.

Kenny Rarick Dept. 39 Chairman of our Transportation Committee is back to work after a recent illness. It's nice to see your smiling face again Kenny.

Is our Chairman following in his son's footsteps? His son recently enlisted in the Coast Guards. The reason is, we've noticed those bell bottom trousers he is wearing.

Our good friend Hazel Daniels from the Gear Filing is convalescing in her home from an infected foot. Hurry and get well Hazel we miss your cheery smile.

Through the fine cooperation of Mr. Colby, chairman of the Company War Chest Drive and Mr. George O'Henry of our Unit, our War Chest Drive went over the top on the second meeting on Nov. 5. We also wish to thank all of our brothers and sisters who so graciously gave to this great cause. We also wish to thank the Squadron and the women who helped make this a big success.

Just a reminder that our Unit is having a big New Years Eve Party and dance at Local 12 headquarters. Plenty of refreshments and round and square dancing for all of us.

Who was the flat scraper that went out hunting and came home disgusted. All he got was two field mice.

Imagine, if you can, an automobile freezing up in 50 degree temperature. This happened to a couple of young ladies from Assumption, believe it or not.

Our next regular business meeting will be Sunday, Nov. 28. Let's all go and back up our officers.

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Willys Seeing Eye

Ollie sort of asked me to pinch hit at Willys this week and give him some of the news about the boys who are making the forgings that are forging our way ahead in this war.

After all, O. J., being a former stock expeditor in the forge division was sort of interested in what was going on, so here 'tis.

Red Markum has had his teeth fixed. Red was the lad who formerly spent his money freely; but he spent it on teeth this time. Now that the new choppers are in he spends all his time grinning at everybody who comes his way. Since getting fixed up, Red isn't a bad-looking guy.

Joe Garove, the demon boss in the aluminum forge isn't such a bad guy after all. At least that's what the fellows have decided now that "Cracker" has him eating out of his hand. That loud noise you will hear as Joe reads this is Galloping Joe snorting.

While on the subject of "Cracker" let me say that he deserves a vote of thanks for the way he is handling a job that is always thankless, or nearly always.

Steward Karpinski of the steel forge has advised Jim Porttius to forget football and stick with the horses. He told Jim he couldn't make any money trying to beat the boys downtown, and so far, Jim hasn't.

Jane Pilcher, formerly of the jeep line and beauty queen of the plant, likes her job as inspector in the aluminum shop. Jane is sadly missed by the lads, or as they seem to call them nowadays, the wolves, when she takes those rather frequent leaves of absence.

Speaking about the girls in the aluminum division, we noticed that Martha from Emil Schnell's office and that other gal from the office were at the last meeting of the Break-It off Society in the Civic Auditorium. Judging from the way the girls were straining to see the bouts, they like their groan, grunt and grimace entertainment.

Now that one of the boss' stooges has been transferred from his perch at the front window, the hammer men again feel free to take it on the Arthur just before the gong for lunch sounds. Take it easy, boys, the boss himself is doing the watching.

These guys in the hammer shop are a pretty good bunch of fellows, so look, guys, I'm complimenting you in advance so you won't get sore if I put something in here some time you don't like.

Wonder what ever became of that Giffordian ambition. So far Emil seems to be able to hang onto his laurels.

Champion Sparklets

Dept. D's own Bette Davis alias Jo Hill will be in another Repertoire Theatre play called "Personal Appearance."

The winner of the war bond drawing at the Champion Unit night shift meeting on November 17 was Helen Szykowny of Dept. L. The winner of the day shift drawing on November 18 was Carl Pasch of Dept. L in E.

Our sympathy goes out to Pauline Wojcinski of Dept. L in E, whose father passed away last week.

Florence Justice celebrated her birthday last week and received many lovely gifts. Many happy returns of the day, Florence!

The Company has prepared a place in the garage for the employees of the second shift who wish to get out of the weather. This will be a welcome concession, especially on days when old man weather is on a rampage.

There have been so many requests submitted to the committee office to post notices for lost articles that it is impossible to comply with these requests any longer. However it would be wise for those who do lose something to stop and inquire at the committee office since many lost articles are turned in there.

Dept. D uncovered a new and successful literary genius in the form of a supply boy. He is a poet of great renown. Let's have some of it Murphy. We hear that it is pretty good.

Since the third floor foreman has been spending so much time in the Employee Relations office, it makes us wonder if he is being broken in as a personnel (certainly not personality) man.

Some $64 questions...

What two girls on the second floor almost came to blows yesterday? Was it man trouble girls?

Who is the gal who swoons at the mere mention of a certain millwright's name? What dya say, D. L.?

Who is the third floor's new sweater girl! Whew!

There is a romance budding new romance in Dept. D. Wanta know who?

Every employee who bids should watch the number, date, shift and description of every bid. He, not the steward, is responsible for the bid being made outright. The bidder should watch the date on the bid and make sure he is bidding on the correct day. Anyone bidding the wrong day does not have his bid honored. Those who are in doubt regarding bidding rules should refer to page 9 of the contract for rules covering bidding.

The newest jail birds in Dept. D are Marylyn Marx and Charlie Posadny. Don't speed after this, kids!

Thomas Miller writes that he would like to hear from his friends on inspection in Dept. L on the second shift. His address is as follows:

A/C Thomas I. Miller 15133950
Section 156 Squadron L,
Group 12, Class 44 G
A. A. F. P. F. S.
Maxwell Field, Ala.

He also expresses his thanks for the Union Journal and writes that he looks forward to receiving the Union Journal every week.

President Asks Funds For UNRRA

WASHINGTON (FP)—President Roosevelt has asked congress for an appropriations bill to finance U. S. participation in the work of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. When the present UNRRA council meeting in Atlantic City ends, he will ask for a specific amount, he said.

U. S. share in the relief and rehabilitation program may total $1,500,000,000, observers said. Framework of the new organization was set u here with the signing of an agreement by 44 nations.

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Ragging The Scale

At Thursday nights meeting of the Scale Workers of Ohio called to vote on an amendment to the constitution one of the largest crowds to ever attend a Scale Workers meeting was on hand.

The motion to amend the constitution was on article XV which reads that any question of affiliation must be decided by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership. It was proposed that it be amended to read that any question of affiliation must be decided by a majority vote of the membership present at a meeting **called for that purpose.**

Certain members of the Scale workers committee after privately agreeing that the clause as it is now written is undemocratic and unfair, went out and vigorously campaigned against the Amendment on the grounds that if it passed the CIO would come in.

Pres. Koontz for all his apparent concern about conducting meetings according to the rules either delibreatly or through ignorance misused his position as chairman to speak against the motion from the chair even before it had been put on the floor for discussion. We can't believe he is that ignorant.

The committee in its zeal to beat the motion even ran in at least one perhaps more ineligble voters who they knew would vote against it. They must be afraid that over half of the people of the Scale are at last coming to the decision that they need a stronger and more effective bargaining agency representing them in the future, especially in the post war world such as it is likely to be.

If the committee really wants the membership to know what is happening they should read the minutes of their grievance meetings .... the company and explain why out of five grievances turned in by Dept. 25, not one was settled in favor of the union. This is 100% representation alright.

We wish to thank those who do not belong to Local 12 but yet were fair minded enough to vote for the amendment. We are very satisfied with the vote as it clearly showed that the Scale workers of Ohio no longer have a definite majority and in a labor board election 51% will decide the issue.

FEPC Sets Los Angeles Hearing

WASHINGTON (FP) — Downgrading of Negroes in shipyards and discharge of Negroes at the request of unions were among the charges aired in hearing in Los Angeles before the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee. Hearing on similar charges are now under way in Portland, Ore.

Russia Gets 6500 Lend-Lease Planes

WASHINGTON (FP) — Soviet Russia has obtained 6,500 American planes up to Oct. 1, 1943, said Foreign Economic Administrator Leo T. Crowley. Total lend-lease to Russia, valued at more than three billion dollars, includes 3,000 tanks, 125,000 submachine guns, 145,000 trucks, 25,000 jeeps, 200,000 field telephones and 700,000 miles of telephone wire.

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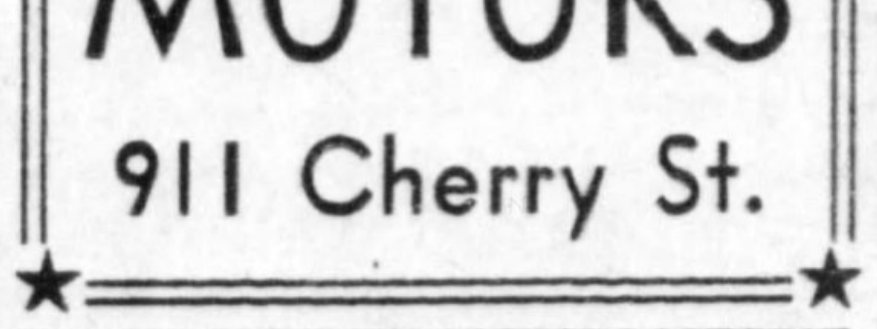

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Inflation

Raymond Clapper whose syndicated column often reflects the views of the White House, stated a few days ago that unbridled inflation was on the way.

Pressure from both labor and industry is forcing inflation, according to Mr. Clapper, who strongly inferred that both sides were selfish.

Just one day after Mr. Clapper's article appeared, news releases from Washington stated that inflation was on the way due to the pressure being exerted on the OPA by business, and the pressure being put on the War Labor Board to break the little steel formula.

Obviously, Mr. Clapper had his information before the daily press received its material, a fact which might mean that the President was seeking to blame both sides of the economic fence for whatever he is figuring on doing.

Regardless what Mr. Clapper or the press, or for that matter, even the President may say, labor very definitely is opposed to inflation. Not only is labor opposed to inflation now; but it has been against it from the very beginning of the war.

It was labor which insisted that the OPA be given the power to enforce its decrees. Labor insisted that ceiling prices be observed and urged prosecution of those who violated price regulations. Labor insisted that the War Labor Board's rigid little steel formula be equalized by strict observance of price ceilings.

And now that labor has refused to stay hitched, now that it is up in arms over the inequalities which have existed for months and which are increasing; now that it proposes to alter the little steel formula and bring about a just balance between the prices of commodities and the wages of labor, it is accused of being a party in precipitating what is now claimed will be an unbridled inflation.

Labor does not seek nor want inflation. It wants justice. Labor does not believe that it has been treated fairly. It has been held down under the War Labor Board and Suffered at the hands of the OPA. It has been denied justice by a Congress which will very likely refuse to grant price subsidies. It has observed the income limitations removed from big incomes while its wages have been frozen.

Labor is tired of being shoved around. It is disgusted with governmental agencies whose effectivness seems to be conditioned by whether it is labor or big business which is being controlled. It will not permit inflation without a fight, and refuses to accept the blame for the serious economic situation now existing in this country.

Political Action

Action of the State CIO Council in unanimously passing a plan for political action which will bear its full fruit in 1944 was no more than the workers of Ohio had the right to expect.

No other topic received as much consideration during the three-day convention of the State CIO in Columbus, and no other subject was so completely discussed and approved.

Now that the convention has come to its end, the order of the day is action to organize, educate and impress the workers of Ohio, regardless what their labor affiliations may be, with the importance of registering and voting in the 1944 primaries and elections.

It was unanimously agreed that no other consideration is as important to the workers as the necessity of protecting their gains by protecting their political interests, for it was illustrated in dozens of different ways, that the economic interests of the workers are entirely dependent upon whom they elect to represent them in office.

Talking is one thing and practical demonstration another. The workers of Toledo have already had an excellent illustration of the power of labor. Even when not completely united, in effecting the outcome of an election, they have shown in a forceful way how labor can, if it sets its face to the task, not only elect men from the ranks of labor to office, but elect others who are favorable to labor's cause.

Now is the time to carry to its full fruit the results of the action of the CIO convention. It's time for action and we should begin now to plan for 1944 and perfect our organizational and education campaign.

What's New?

By Edward Duck,
Educational Director, Local 12

A few people have told me I shouldn't wash the Auto-Lite Committee's linen in the public eye. In fact, one person, a female, informed me, persumably because her interests lie in another country, that my column stinks.

Edward J. Duck

My belief is that in the interests of the kind of unionism which we at Auto-Lite and other shops fought for in 1934, I owe it to the people to bring out the facts which have been withheld from them for years.

REASONS

Here are just a few of many reasons why the executive committee members of my shop are afraid to take up my debate challenge of a few weeks ago:

1. Because I will prove that the Auto-Lite members have been dominated and exploited by the committee.

2. Because I will prove beyond shadow of a doubt that Lester Byrd drove the Etna machine workers out of Local 12 into the MESA, acting on orders from the then regional director, Jack Thompson.

3. Because I will demand to know the real reason why certain committeemen resigned in 1939, but soon returned.

4. Because I will prove that under Jack Thompson's regime the workers at the Illiod Cabinet Co., Swanton, were sold down the river by Everett Weaver, now employed by the UMW. Wages approved by Thompson's office were 35 cents per hour.

5. Because I can and will produce affidavits stating that their real boss, Ellsworth Kramer, almost broke the strike at City Machine and Tool, after Local 12 fed the strikers for nine weeks, and tried to induce the people to leave Local 12 before the NLRB election, on the strength of a telephone conversation which he had with the management.

6. Because I will make a monkey out of Dave Hall, if that is possible, if he ever tries to refute any statements written in this column or spoken at a meeting.

7. Because I will prove that Brother Hall owes Local 12 money for years, even before he tried to take the shop out of the CIO into the AFL, while he now wants to suspend someone else for 99 years for similar offense.

8. Because I will prove that a girl who spent an afternoon drinking with three of the committeemen, was given three days off as a punishment, while the committeemen were paid by the company for lost time spent in revelry.

9. Because I will prove that with the exception of Howard Cutcher, all A.-L. delegates to the UAW Buffalo convention voted along with the Communist party on important issues, against the majority opinion and the best interests of the workers of Toledo.

10. Because I will prove many other things which will shock the sensibilities of any decent, self-respecting member of our organization.

CAN CURE

There isn't anything wrong with the Auto-Lite Unit which can't be cured by the people when their elections take place in February. I have already met with a group of workers from the plant who are similarly minded, workers who are interested in honest unionism.

Another meeting of the group will be held Sunday, Dec. 5, at Local 12 headquarters at 2 p.m. Come down and hear what your committee has been hiding from you. We will have several speakers who will tell you things that you should know. Even the committeemen are invited if they want to come.

Soldiers' Letters

Scott Field, Illinois
November 15, 1943.

Dear Mr. Gosser:

I am writing you again to thank all of you for the wonderful boxes I have gotten in the past months. I want all of you to know that I really appreciate them.

I have been pretty busy for the last five months, studying radio and now I have graduated as a Radio Operator and Mechanic. After several more weeks of training I will be shipped to a Gunnery School, either in the United States or in England. It looks like it won't be much longer before I get into this.

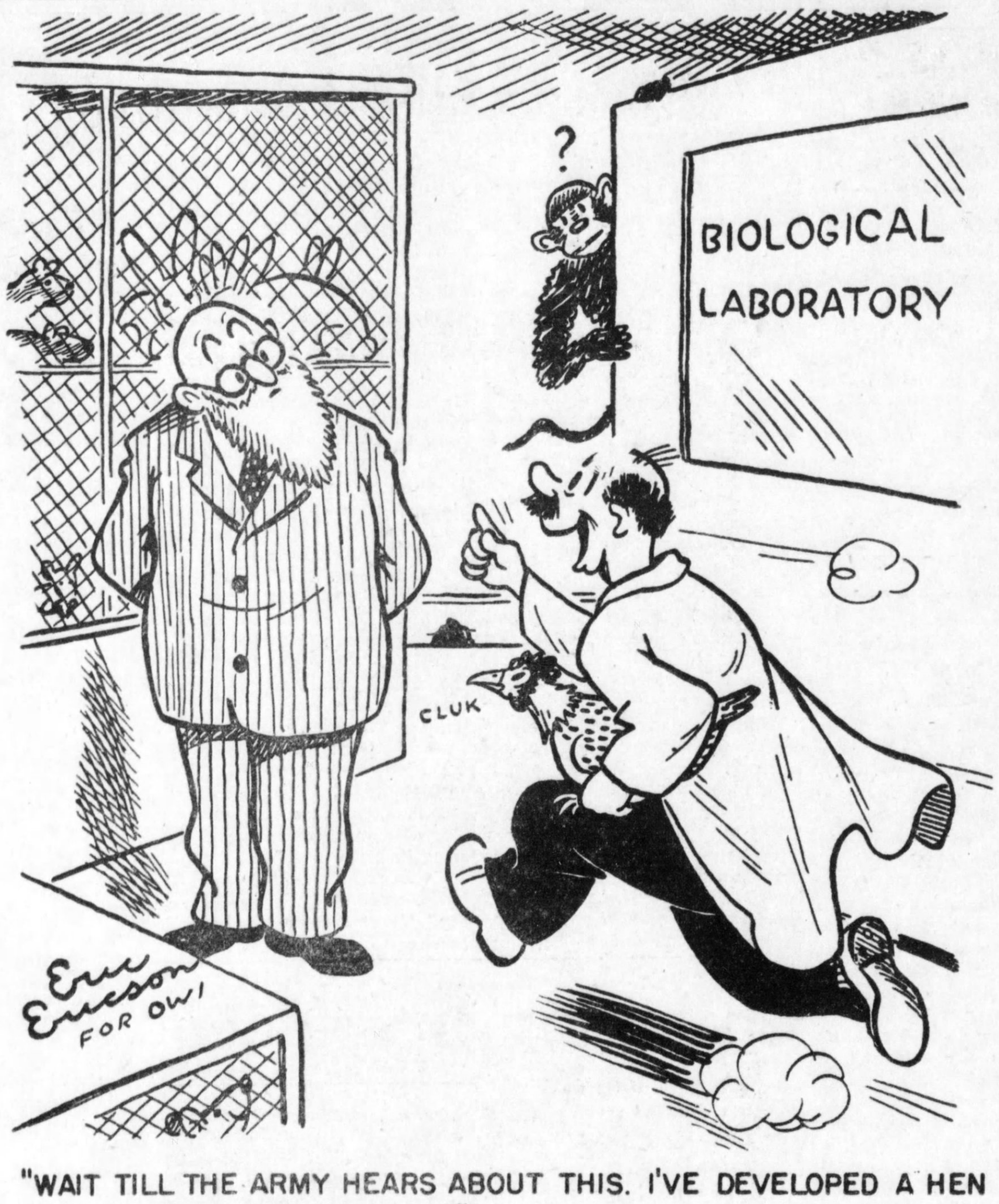
I hope that everything is going well back at the plant. I heard from one of my fellow workers in the Bullet Core Division, Dept. 68 and he tells me that most of the fellows, that I was working with, are set-up men now. I sure wish I was still there. I always did like my work because there was always so much to learn.

I don't think I would have been able to learn half as much though if it weren't for the swell working conditions around there. I probably would have ended up still being a material handler.

I sure would like to see that place as I hear that they have some new machines in and I'll bet it is really a busy place.

Since it is getting rather late I'll stop. I just thought you would like to know how I am coming along. Here's hoping that you all have the best of holidays.

Fraternally Yours,
P. F. C. James W. Debth



"WAIT TILL THE ARMY HEARS ABOUT THIS. I'VE DEVELOPED A HEN THAT LAYS POWDERED EGGS!"

Washington Scene

by Virginia Gardner

WASHINGTON (FP) — The low-down on Sen. Robert R. Reynold's (D. N. C.) announcement that he would not run for re-election, is that he couldn't get a single important North Carolina paper to support him and couldn't even get a campaign committee.

Virginia Gardner

Rumors are that pro-labor Cameron Morrison, whom he defeated for re-election in 1932, probably will run against Clyde Hoey, conservative Democrat and former governor, with administration support.

But if Reynolds is without honor in his own state, he is not among America Firsters. He was invited to head the America First Party ticket in next year's Presidential election by the pro-fascist rabble-rouser, Gerald K. Smith.

Smith came here this week to urge Reynolds to run and to hobnob with other defeatists such as Clare Hoffman (R. Mich.), who has introduced more anti-labor bills than anyone else in congress. He was seen lunching with Hoffman in the house dining room.

Reynolds said he appreciated Smith's invitation and added that "to be spoken of as presidential timber is a great compliment. A third party may be necessary, said Reynolds, "unless both the Democrats and Republican parties build their platforms on solid American planks."

Smith also urged Reynolds to make a series of speeches over the country for the America First Party. Reynolds said whether he accepted depended on "what congress is doing at that time."

He claimed that he and the other four senators who voted against the Senate Postwar Foreign Policy Resolution incorporating the Moscow conference decision on future decision on future collaboration for peace and security, actually expressed the views of "the majority throughout the country."

It's News To Me

By O. J. Pecord

OPEN LETTER TO BOB GUNCHEON

Dear Bob:

No doubt the members of your Unit were surprised and pleased to see the Auto-Lite Shop News appear in their newspaper last week for the first time.

The fact that you could get somebody to write your shop news so soon after my charges of non-cooperation made against you and some of the Auto-Lite executive committee two weeks ago, ought to be fairly good proof that the rest of the statements made here are also true even though you did make a blanket denial of them at the last Local 12 meeting.

O. J. Pecord

BLANKET DENIAL

Of course, I don't blame you for denying the things which appeared here two weeks ago. You must know that the people in your shop are interested in this paper and would not be very happy to have themselves kept from using it by some of the members of their executive committee, who must have some reason for their opposition to the paper.

But let me get back to the statements made in this column two weeks ago. It struck me rather funny that after making a blanket denial in the Local 12 meeting of everything which appeared here, you admitted to me privately, after the meeting, that you and your committee had been non-cooperative. How could you deny the charges in public and admit them in private? That isn't being honest Bob.

You even admitted that you thought I had leaned over backwards in my endeavor to earn the cooperation of both you and the Auto-Lite committee; but Bob, I have discovered that instead of earning cooperation, some of the members of the committee take off on the paper, and everything and everybody connected with it, when they loiter, during working hours, around some of the bars in the vicinity of the Auto-Lite plant.

MORE FACTS

For your information, the statements made here two weeks ago were but a part of the story of the non-cooperation of yourself and some of your committee, and I'd like to give you some more facts to deny whenever you feel disposed to deny them.

Incidentally, I realize what I am doing. I am fully aware that you may prefer charges against me if I am not telling the truth, and I also realize that you will catch plenty of Hell from your own Unit if these things are true. In either case, the guilty party would be getting exactly what they have coming, or don't you think so Bob?

When the War Production Queen Contest was staged by the Valentine Theatre and the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL early this year, not a single girl was entered by the Auto-Lite committee. Several of your girls visited Burny Zawodny and asked him to get them into the contest, and complained bitterly about the committee because it would have nothing to do with the affair.

Why were your girls prevented from entering the contest by the committee by reason of its non-cooperation? I hope you don't tell me it was because the boys don't like the Valentine Theatre.

When the second issue of the JOURNAL came out, we carried a full page commemorating Pearl Harbor. The page was paid for by Local 12 Units, all except your Unit, which has never contributed anything to the support of this paper.

Again this year, the name of Auto-Lite was placed on the Labor Day page, which was paid for by all the Units of Local 12—all but the Auto-Lite Unit, and to this day, I have heard only one member of your committee say that he had seen the Unit's name on the page. Not one member of your committee, not even you, gave the paper the courtesy of a thank you, much less offered to share the burden of the expense of the page.

UP TO UNITS

Now really Bob, are you going to try and tell me the things I am writing here are about some of the Auto-Lite committee are untrue? Are you going to try and tell me that this is the way the people in your Unit want it? Look Bob, I'm not that gullible and neither are the people in your Unit. They are going to start asking you embarassing questions, and perhaps prove to you that non-cooperation doesn't pay, particularly when it has unworthy motives prompting it.

I know a lot of the people in your Unit, and doubt if they approve the attitude which you and your committee have taken towards their paper, a paper which you yourself had to admit privately to me was one of the best labor papers in this section of the country.

Your Unit members realize, even if some of the committee don't, that this paper is giving them a voice in the affairs of this city. They have watched it from ts humble beginning reach the point where there isn't a politician in town who doesn't read it and respect it for its power and policy. They also must know, as you admitted publicly that you know, that the only one who have anything to fear from this paper are the ones who have reasons to fear, and I don't mind telling you right out that I think some of you committeemen should be plenty fearful.

PROVE POINTS

For your information, as well as that of your Unit members, I repeat again that every statement made in the first article to your Unit can be verified, and will be, anytime that your Unit sees fit to ask me to prove them.

I think your Unit is one of the best in this Local; but I also think its about time that somebody came out, as I am coming out, to show them that some of the executive committeemen they elected to serve them as their servants, are acting instead like their masters.

There's plenty of room in this Union for all of us, but I refuse to sit back any longer and let some of your executive committee sneer and criticize when they have nothing constructive to offer on their own accounts.

By the way, Bob, you can have space any time you want it to answer this so your Unit can read both sides of the story.

On The Beam

By Clayton W. Fountain

The trumpets have tootled long and loud these past few days in triumphant heraldry of the Moscow pact. Mr. Hull tottered back from Russia to greeted in an orgy of back-slapping and tossing of boquets. His achievement has been acclaimed as a guarantee of peace for posterity. All this is to the good.

Clayton W. Fountain

But there is one point that seems to be generally overlooked in the sound and fury of applause. Our attention has been focused all too sharply on the tools, to the neglect of the materials with which we have to work.

The Moscow pact is not an end in itself. It is no more an assurance of peace than was the Versailles Treaty which ended the last World War. It is simply a very rough outline of an agreement on a set of principles by which, under continuing favorable conditions, guarantees of permanent peace may be worked out in the future. This something to remember.

TOUGH TRIUMPH

Triumph that it is, in the art of diplomacy, the Moscow pact has been a tough one to achieve. Years of painful education of the American public—plus Pearl Harbor—went into the making of this four-power agreement. We had to learn, under and endless thumping of hard, historic experience, that Podunk and Main Street were not the boundaries of the world.

And the learning is still not finished.

There are still among us those hard-shelled isolationists who cannot see beyond the boards of the back fence. Hearst, McCormick and Patterson, the journalistic trio of moss-backs, are pouring out pecks of poison in denunciation of the Moscow agreement.

It will take more than a prolonged patting of Mr. Hull's aging back to make this thing work.

PRODUCT OF PRESSURE

The Moscow pact is largely a creation of public pressure. Those progressive forces in America which honestly believe in working with the Soviet Union for the good of all humanity deserve praise for their tireless application of heat to the pants of the State Deparment.

But the toughest part of the job, that of making he pact work to attain the desired results, is still ahead of us.

Blind hatred of the Soviet Union, from which substantial sections of America still suffer, stands as one huge stone in our road. Mr. Churchill's determination to preserve the status quo of the British Empire also presents a serious obstacle in the path to permanent peace.

These are blockades to successful pursuit of the principles arrived at in Moscow. The pact will be meaningless unless true progressives everywhere continue to assault these barriers to effective international cooperation.

TASK FOR LABOR

Labor has a vital part to play in the job of making the Moscow pact work out for the good of the common people the world over.

The thing we have to realize is that the agreement will only be as effective as the American government participating in it permits it to be. A government representing the industrialists and bankers and landlords of this country would certainly not lend itself to honest cooperation with the Soviet Union. A government sympathetic to imperialism—British, American or otherwise—would not make the pact work either.

We must also beware of the American Communists, whose silly sallies at revolution in this country, coupled with their mania for flip-flopping, have prejudiced many people against Russia.

The Moscow pact will only work for peace and world security if we organize and maintain a government representing those of us who honestly want to make it work.

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser, Director,
Region 2B, UAW-CIO

WHAT A DIFFERENCE

I have just completed a couple of days in my own plant and can't help but think what a difference there is between conditions now and what they were 10 years ago.

Richard Gosser

Sometimes it seems to me that the only ones who really can appreciate what the union means, are those who worked in the plants 10 or more years ago, maybe that's why I still get a kick out of going back today and looking things over to see what a change has occured.

The younger people, especially the young fellows who are working in our plants, sort of take things in stride. They take things for granted; but I can tell them that it wasn't always the way it is today.

KEPT DOWN

Up until a few short years ago, it was the policy of the plant managements to keep the workers down. How many times do I remember taking a bite out of an apple and then swallowing the thing whole because some boss started to walk in my direction.

Why in the old days two fellows couldn't talk together without taking a chance on getting Hell bawled out of them if the foreman caught them. I know of many a good guy who got unmerciful insults for even daring to stop a minute and talk to the fellow who worked at the machine next to him.

Smoking was out. We had to sneak our smokes, and more than one poor guy was threatened with firing because one of the foremen caught him smoking in the men's room.

Back in those days a worker couldn't hardly call his soul his own, and most of them didn't try to, because they had wives and children at home who were depending on them to earn a living. They were not breaking any rules if they could help it; but they still took a lot of abuse, sometimes for little things that amounted to nothing.

How many times did we clench our fists and wish that we could take a punch at those tormented us; but we always thought better because there were plenty of guys waiting willing to take our jobs.

THEN THE UNION

Into these conditions came the Union. Workers listened when they were told that only by uniting could they get a square deal and be treated with respect. Only through the unions could they get better working conditions and have a grievance proceedure which would protect them from the bullying of the bosses. And we listened.

Some of us joined the Unions. Many of us lost our jobs when the company heard that we had joined up. We were called radicals, reds and a lot of other names by the company and their spokesmen; but we stuck to it and fought.

Sooner or later, our plants were struck. Violence flared. Our fellows were beaten, gassed and tossed in jail. Everything was against us. The press never gave us a break; but one thing was with us, and that was our courage and determination to win.

Despite our lack of support and the attacks of our enemies, we won through. Our Union prospered and grew. Men are now allowed to eat at their work. They can take a smoke and even stop for a minute to exchange a few words with their fellow workers. Seniority lists protect the worker's job. Griveance proceedures have been established guaranteeing every worker a square deal. The whole picture has changed.

I can't look at the scene today and compare it with what used to be without a lot of pride, and my only hope is that our people will appreciate what their union means to them, and realize that their union can only do for them what they are willing to do for the union and themselves.

Union Education

By Melvin Schultz,
President, Local 12, UAW-CIO

All of us have noticed that Local 12 and other unions have educational department. Some may have wondered what kind of education it is that unions attempt to put out.

Melvin Schultz

Our educational department is based upon the idea, and experience proves this, that the average worker, particularly since the unions have grown strong, enters the union with some ideas which are not correct, or with very few ideas about what the union really is and what it stands for.

TO INFORM WORKERS

It is the purpose of our educational department to keep the workers informed, to show them where their true interests lie, to give them some elementary knowledge of economics, to promote solidarity between the workers, to explain the meaning of various things which occur in government and industry, and in general, to provide them with knowledge which they should have.

There are many different ways in which union education may be applied; but during these war days, these ways are multiplied many times.

Government agencies, the War Labor Board, the National Labor Relations Board, the OPA, legislation effecting labor during the war, governmental directives and dozens of other things relating to government and labor require explanation.

Postwar planning is but one subject in which unions and union people are or should be interested, for labor is going to be vitally effected in the postwar period, unless some good plan is provided to eliminate some of the evils which occured following the close of World War I.

YOUR INTEREST

It should be the purpose of every worker to have a knowledge of his own economic interest and know something about the things that aid or harm it. The place where this information is available is in the educational department of your own union. Also, we have provided a library with books which should be of interest to every member of the Local. These too provide a fine opportunity for self-education, an opportunity which I would like to see more of our people take advantage of.

Your educational department is for the purpose of serving you. Let us know your wants and we will try to supply them, as well as the regular material which is put out for your information and use.

Prelude To Fall

NAVY BLUE AND SOLDIER BLUE. Soldier blue topcoat, silver buttons far down the front, open pleats from the waist. With this a navy Montgomery beret, navy calf shoulder-strap bag, and fabric gloves. Dolores Moran, featured in Warner Bros. "Old Asquaintance," is the lovely model. Comming to the Paramount.

Films To Come

Compiled by BURNY ZAWODNY

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"Whistling In Brooklyn"

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For the past weeks Red Skelton and a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer crew of cameramen and technicians under the direction of S. Sylvan Simon are through "shooting" Brooklyn. Starting and ending at Ebbets Field, Red has been chasing up and down Gates Avenue, Prospect Park, Flatbush Avenue, and the Manhattan Bridge and the general goins on, what with automobiles skidding around quiet Brooklyn corners on two wheels and bullets whizzing thru the air, have had the good burghers of Brooklyn in a dither.

But that's nothing. Hundreds of extras crowded the stands at Ebbets Field as nine bewiskered ball players, all Dodgers, trotted out on the field to play the first stringers. And in the pitcher's box was Red Skelton. The other bewiskered gentlemen were Stan Boragary, Lou Olmo, Bob Oritz, Augie Galan, Max Macon, Hal Peck, Ray Hayworth, Bob Chipman and Dee Moore.

Research on the above list shows ten players, but one of them is a coach. And so its the Dodgers vs the "Battling Beavers" and you'll see the picture on the screen at your neighborhood theatre.

Its a hilarious film. Skelton is back in his role of the radio "Fox." This is the first time a major league baseball club, from the baseman to the bat boy, has been incorporated into a Hollywood film production. Individuals such as Babe Ruth and the late Lou Gehrig and others have had roles in various productions but "Whistling in Brooklyn" which will be seen at Loew's, when completed presents the Dodgers intact. Co-starring with Skelton are Rags Ragland, Ann Rutherford, and Jean Rogers.

The picture has taken about a month of shooting around Brooklyn and Ebbets Field and it may be Skelton's last picture for the duration as he hopes to join the armed forces.

You know that ball players are an exclusive lot. Ball playing isn't a hobby with them. It is strictly a business enterprise. They resent sometimes being ballyhooed unless it is a baseball proposition. And it is to Red Skelton alone that credit is given for the wholehearted cooperation that the Dodgers have shown.

The first day that Skelton appeared at Ebbets Field and introduced himself to the players in the club house, they just took it as a matter of course. They knew a little something about somebody making a picture but as long as they didn't interfere too much, it was alright with them. Then Red began getting under their skin.

He has the admirable trait of being absolutely on the level. He is a very funny man off the screen and very entertaining. A good conversationalist and mixer, he has the happy faculty of making friends and keeping them. An so, it went with the Dodgers. First Augie Galan and Frenchy Bordagary began to take an interest in Red. Then Joe Medwick asked Red if he'd like to come out on the field for some "pepper" practice. Red was awfully sore the next day but wouldn't admit it.

Then things began to pop around the club house and in the dugout. Red came trotting in from practice and sat down exhausted on the bench—on some very wet towels. Then tobacco juice began to fly fast and very accurately on his brand new spike shoes. "How do yer like that" Red piped up, "I came here to do 'Whistling in Brooklyn' and I end up doing a road show for 'Tobacco Road'."

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"Want To Be A Director"

One morning about eleven years ago a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio executive looked up to find himself confronted with a youth in his late teens, who stood six feet tall, weighed 210 pounds.

"What can I do for you?" the studio executive asked.

"I want to be a director."

The executive was properly appalled, of course.

"There are three hundred and sixty departments in this studio," he explained, "and you'd have to spend at least three years in each of them."

"Where do I start—and when?" asked the boy. "I'm young!"

And that's how George Sidney, son of veteran show producer L. K. Sidney, also with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, and third generation of a theatrical family, got into pictures. He started as a messenger at $15 a week. Today he is a director, and he's not yet 30. "Thousands Cheer," starring Kathryn Grayton, is his latest picture. He also directed "Pilot No. 5" and "Pacific Rendezvous." In 1940 and 1941, he won the Academy Award for his short subjects, "Quicker'n a Wink" and "Pups and Puzzles." Two consecutive awards in this field is a record.

George, again on his own initiative as when he applied for his first studio job, made his stage debut at the age of one-and-a-half years at Jamaica, Long Island. He crawled into a vaudeville act, putting an astonished actor to the task of making it appear, with the gurgling tot under his arm, that it all was part of the act.

George's uncle, George Sidney, Sr., was an actor in "Welcome Stranger," on the stage, and on the screen in the "Cohens and Kellys" series. His mother was one of the remembered Mooney Sisters. His father, one-time managing director of radio station WHN, was in charge of production of all stage shows for Loew's chain of motion picture theatres before he went to Hollywood and M-G-M as a producer-executive. His maternal grandfather, Henry Mooney, an attorney, was also producer of tent shows which toured the South.

So young George had plenty of background, from a theatrical stage point.

In his middle teens, he and a cousin operated a 14-wagon circus; later he was straight man to a vaudeville comedian. In Denver, at 7, he made his film debut, wearing chaps, spurs and sombrero, with Tom Mix. Also, in Denver, living in an apartment over the Isis Theatre—one of four his father managed—George spent every night for several years watching motion picture shows, learning to play musical instruments with the orchestra, and getting onto routines of all the vaudeville acts which played there.

As a studio messenger, George met everyone on the lot. He even invented errands that took him directly to the biggest producers, directors, stars, actors and technicians. When a boy operating a sound boom failed to show up one day, George took the boom over, promoting himself to the sound department. From there he went to the cutting rooms, then became an assistant director, and later a testing director.

As testing director, he met Lillian Burns, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer dramatic coach, who is now his wife. She coached, he directed the hopefuls, including such screen personalities of today, as Judy Garland, Rosalind Russell, Robert Taylor, Lana Turner, Red Skelton, Donna Reed, Eleanor Powell, Kathryn Grayson, Van Heflin, Rise Stevens, and Ruth Hussey.

He believes it important for an actor or actress to be "just a little different" in appearance—to bear some distinguishing facial feature which isn't common, or some identifying mannerism. "The most appreciated actor or actress may seem to be a recognizable "type" but almost invariably, he or she will have some mannerism or method which is sharply invididualistic."

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News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

Destination . . . Tokyo!

CARY GRANT, looking trim and efficient gives his submarine a last minute inspection, just before setting out for . . . Tokyo! Warner Bros. lot is almost a secret weapon these days, with experts keeping a sharp eye on the production "Destination Tokyo." John Garfield, John Ridgely, and Alan Hale complete the cast.

"Pvt. Hargrove's" Girl Friend

DONNA REED was the lucky girl selected to play opposite Robert Walker in M-G-M's forthcoming screen version of "See Here, Private Hargrove," the humorous "best-seller" on Army life written by Pfc. Marion Hargrove. Donna, incidentally, as a sweetheart of plenty of service men, according to her han mail and "pin-up" picture requests.

Album of The Future

Just about a year ago, M-G-M informed the trade about "Leo's Album of the Future"—the company's roster of stars-to-be in '43. How near realization that prophecy is today can be gleaned from examination of the progress into important stature of the candidates.

Among them, of course, are a number who are temporarily under another aegis, working in the biggest production of all time—the United Nations for Victory. Robert Sterling, Richard Ney and Ray McDonald will be back in Leo's Album when the Axis is only a memory. Van Heflin, who since last year has become the proud owner of an Academy Award for his role in Johnny Eager," is another already in service . . . and Pierre Aumont, in 1942 an unknown, blazed into prominence with "Assignment in Brittany" and will star in "A Thousand Shall Fall" before joining the Fighting French Forces.

Hollywood at Production

With the Hollywood studios reaching new peaks of production in an effort to fulfill farflung assignments, more and more Broadway stars are treking to the west coast. Today, not only domestic requirements have to be met, but the studios must also provide movies for such distant outposts as North Africa, Iceland, Australia and other focal points where the armed forces are gathered. Government officials assert that the first cargoes off our boats are prints of the latest pictures, avidly awaited by servicemen who rush them to improvised projection rooms for showing.

Plan Now for Returning Servicemen, CIO Urges

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 4—(FP)—Expenditure of a billion dollars on a federal education program for demobilized servicemen after the war was urged upon congress Nov. 2 by the CIO convention here.

Immediate preparation of demobilization plans by appropriate government agencies was recommended to speed return of veterans to civilian life without dislocation of the economy.

Jobs are what returning servicemen will want most, the resolution said. But until they obtain jobs, they should be given the same rate of pay they received in the services.

HOLLYWOOD LOT

By TED TAYLOR

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 23—(FP)—Searchlights manned by civilians have again swept the Hollywood sky for a movie opening—the first time since Pearl Harbor. Termination of the dimout brought back the Hollywood premier in prewar style for the opening of Guadalcanal Diary at the Chinese Theater.

A Hollywood premiere consists of 1,000 persons who come to see a new movie and 4,000 persons who come to see the 1,000. The premise is that there'll be movie stars among them.

Miniature grandstands are erected on the sidewalk to increase gawker capacity and encourage the crowd to gather early and stick around. Celebrities alight from their cars in style. A master of ceremonies discerningly selects those of most glamour to speak coyly into a microphone.

Two hours later the 1,000 come buzzing out of the theater and the 2,000 who stuck around witness the ceremony of departure. This is more exciting than the arrival because in paging the cars the names of the notables are bellowed up and down Hollywood Blvd. for blocks.

Drove Own Cars; Too Bad

Because it is war, military dignitaries are seen with stars and producers. Some of Hollywood's lesser great lost out in the car paging because they made the mistake of driving their own cars.

"Gen. Fegan's car!" roars the microphone. Then, "Mickey Rooney's car!" The more important the person, the more yelling it takes before the car shows up. "Micky Rooney's car!" blasts the mike. "Gen. Fegan's car!" (The major-general won by a yell.)

The shame of the lesser great was exposed to all ears by the blasting voice. "The boys in the System auto park are too busy to bring your car up for you!" rumbled the mike heartlessly. "Please don't ask to have your car paged unless you have your own chauffeur!"

This rule made the Guadalcanal Diary premiere the most exclusive in Hollywood history. It won't happen again because next time the lesser fry will hire chauffeurs.

The premiere was a great new experience for soldirs, sailors and marines on leave who flock to Hollywood daily in hope of glimpsing movie stars on the street. It also was a new experience for players who have become prominent in the last two years and had not yet been thoroughly gawked at.

Brown Derby In Jungle

SARDONIC. Populations are starving in India. But word comes to the boss of the Brown Derby restaurant from a friend in the U. S. forces that in an Indian jungle is an eating place bearing the sign, Brown Derby.

UNIMPORTANT BUT AMUSING. Princess O'Rourke (Warners) solves that knotty question: Should a young American give up the Air Force to become a prince consort? FDR is an off-screen presence in this film, giving the Republicans new fuel for fury.

UNCONVINCED. Gary Cooper is quoted as saying he had no protests from unions against playing Rickenbacker. Hollywood unions are writing him a new set of letters. In case somebody else is getting his mail, the Los Angeles Central Labor Council also wrote Cooper's own union, Screen Actors Guild.

INVASION PROFITS. Novies went into North Africa right behind the U. S. troops but no money has come out yet. Movie distributors are fidgeting. They have an envoy in Washington trying to unfreeze those millions of francs in African escrow.

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SPORTS

Conservation News

Ohio's small game hunting season is under way, having opened November 19.

Conservation Commissioner Don Waters on the eve of the opening of the season issued a message to hunters urging them to share as many shells as posible with farmer friends and with service men home on furlough and at the same time he urged nimrods to stay out of unharvested soybean fields.

Frantic efforts on the part of those who had no shells left over from last year featured several weeks prior to the opening of the hunting season and caused all kinds of misunderstandings.

Many blamed the dealers, many blamed the Conservation Division and some dealers took out on the wholesale houses. In time some ammunition did find its way to dealers' shelves but the War Production Board's release of ammunition naturally would not have satisfied complete demands had the release been made in time—and since it wasn't made in time, many found themselves without shells.

However, a great many hunters are enjoying the 1943 hunting season and almost everyone who has had to explain that it wasn't the store's fault, that the Conservation Division had nothing to do with shell distribution, etc. is glad to have a moment's respite.

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TRIGGER FINGERS

Ohio game protectors have reported to Conservation Commissioner Don Waters that there were a few hunters who had "trigger fingers" and couldn't wait until the season opened. Some of them were apprehended but in general, protectors say, the number of preseason violators was small.

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A TRIBUTE TO TOM NASH

Tom Nash died one day recently. He died at the Urbana State Game Farm, where he made history in raising Ringneck pheasants.

Although he had retired he had been retained by Conservation Commissioner Don Waters as a consultant on game propagation.

Conservation ideas may come and go and there is no doubt that the best pheasant propagation, for numbers sake, is natural propagation but this venerable gentleman who served the Buckeye State long and well proved beyond a doubt that better birds may be had by careful game breeding.

In the 25 years of his service he raised more than a half million pheasants at the Urbana and Wellington State Game Farms and distributed hundreds of thousands of pheasant eggs.

His work in game breeding dated back to the time at the age of 16 when he became the game keeper of the Duke of Marlboro, Oxfordshire, England. The then Prince of Wales, the late King Edward VII often visited Blenheim place and hunted with Tom Nash.

At the age of 22, Mr. Nash left the Duke of Marlboro to accept a position as game protector on the estate of Lord Winchester at Hampshire. During the three years, 1899 to 1901, that he was there he had a frequent hunting season visitor, Prince DeLong Von Courtland, of Poland. The prince was anxious to introduce the English sporting system on his estate in the Province of Posen and so Tom went to Poland. But not to stay long!

He was in Poland just about a year—long enough to attract the attention of the Hungarian Count SzeChengi, who employed him upon his estate in a similar capacity.

Mr. Nash remained in Hungary until just before the World War I and it is interesting to note that there he became he friend of Archduke Ferdinand, whose death started a world war which claimed the lives of 11,000,000 men. In his home at Urbana, among the collection of gifts and pictures, all presented to him by royal huntsmen from all parts of Europe who enjoyed game hunting which Tom Nash so well knew how to provide, is a ruby-eyed golden fox head. This splendid jewel was Archduke Ferdinand's gift to him.

Mr. Nash left Hungary in May, 1914, to establish a game farm for an English nobleman at Brentword, Ontario, Canada. Two weeks after his arrival the war broke out and the project was abandoned—and this was one thing that Ohio gained from the great World War!

With the Canadian project abandoned Mr. Nash came to Barberton, where he became manager of a game farm belonging to O. C. Barber, the Barberton match king, supplying game for the Cleveland hotel trade. In 1917 Mr. Barber died and the State secured the services of Mr. Nash.

State administrations came and went but Tom Nash kept on raising pheasants, until Father Time stepped in. Conservation Commissioner Don Waters, and other commissioners of the past, had a great respect for the fine work of Tom Nash. He served well in a unique profession he loved!

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THIS AND THAT

The hunting season and trapping season is on and next on the menu will be the deer hunting season in three Southern Ohio counties which starts December 6 . . . somehow a report has been started, Conservation Division officials say, that the Division will exchange the right type of deer hunting ammunition for other ammunition . . . "how that got started we don't know but it isn't true—we haven't any to swap," they say . . . the right ammunition is No. 4 buckshot or larger shot, ball or slug . . . and like all ammunition it is difficult to get . . . Everett Ridge, the Division's Supervisor in District 7 at the time he went into the service writes that he sees lots of game on he Pacific island where he is . . . it includes the wallaby, which looks like but is smaller than a kangaroo and there are wild boars where he takes a jaunt into the open on "off" time . . . Another meanest man, who sometime in the future will sit in the same section with the chap who stole the blind man's pennies and pushed the old lady's wheelchair over the river bank, is the prankster who inserted an ad in a newspaper recently saying that an individual at a certain address had 50 boxes of shotgun shells for sale . . . as a result of this ad a city riot squad was called out to handle the estimated 4,000 disappointed hunters who filled the streets and blocked street car traffic at the address given.

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Education

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Many important subjects are taught in our schools today, and among them the topic of capital and wealth. However, a far more important subject should be taught too, and that is the benefits one would receive in later years as a member of a trade union, preferably the CIO. Students should be made to thoroughly understand the rules, regulations, and fundamental truths concerning the CIO union, so that when adults they would be able to act as intelligent union members.

Another point that should be understood as students, and carried out as adults, is the fact that as a good American citizen it is one's privilege as well as duty to register. This enables you to vote for the right people to provide good laws for you and others like you. Laws which are not the kind that this present congress is imposing on you. As an example, the Smith-Connelly anti-strike law presents itself. This law is against everything that a worker believes in. Judging from this law and other laws like it that have recently been passed, it commences to look as though the would be group of "Anti's" in Washington are attempting to force down our throats the things that they and capital believe in, and exclude everything that we, as labor want. Yes, we know that we just won an election in Toledo and wish to thank everyone who helped to make it possible. However, a much larger and more important election is going to be held in 1944. We must also win that one.

Sisters, do you know how hard women once fought in order to obtain suffrage for themselves. What is suffrage? Why, the right to vote side by side with men. Now that you have this right, use it! Don't let those women down who worked so hard in order for you to have this chance to assert yourselves. We know in our hearts that everyone of you who are old enough to vote are going to make sure that you are registered. We know too, that you are going to personally escort any union brother whom you know, that has not registered down to 217 Superior Street so that we all, each and every one of us will be ready for the 1944 election. To vote, I say, for the same kind of people that the Tommy Burkes are made of. Let's be positive that the people who are elected will be CIO people with love and understanding for the common worker.

Did you know that at Buffalo they amended the constitution so that it requires all International Officers, Board Members and Representatives, as well as all local union officers of your unit to register and in all local elections or face discipline? Thereby, they made it the duty of every union officer, local or otherwise, to participate in every election, city, state or federal. The one thing wrong about this amendment is the fact that every one should have been made to face discipline, if they do not vote. It is just as important for your own good as for the good of our officers to vote for the right people.

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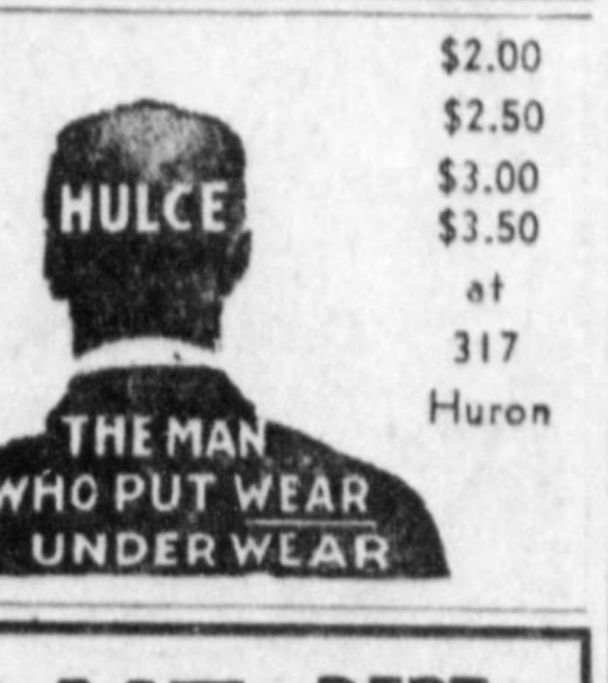

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SRU electrician's mate fixes a damaged small motor on a destroyer.

The Navy needs—must have—more skilled workers to repair our fighting ships. Here are the reasons as explained by Navy men.

Even when we win battles, we get hurt. The enemy, too, has bombs, guns and torpedoes that occasionally score hits. Sometimes the blows inflict grievous damage which requires prompt, almost superhuman effort to prevent loss of a ship.

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Local Aids Workers

By Howard Cutcher

The employes of the Auto-Lite in Toledo who were employed before the 1934 strike, and many who have become Auto-Lite workers since that time know what the UAW-CIO and Local 12 have done for them.

They know what the wage rates were in those days, and they remember how tight the piecework standards were. And they haven't completely forgotten that working conditions in general were quite different from those we have enjoyed since we organized!

In those days we had no minimum wage clause, and our pay checks showed it. There are many improvements which still must be made and those who have ideas on these changes should submit them in writing to the committee.

Officers Have Duties

It is the duty of all stewards, committeemen, and members, to attend all unit and local meetings. It is also the duty of your committeeman to contact his stewards a least once every day. You should know why your steward or committeeman is absent from these meetings, when he misses them.

You owe it to yourselves to elect stewards and committeemen who will represent your interests, and not their own.

We should all remember the work days of the depression, and remember too, that the workers lost their life's savings in the closed banks, and many lost their homes and were even forced to cash in their insurance policies before they were granted any relief.

It Can Recur

Let's not forget that this may happen again unless we build our union so strong that nothing, not even another depression or so-called "recession" can destroy it.

We must go to the polls and elect men and women who will represent all the people, not special interest groups, so that we may live as Americans should live.

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Refuses To Pay Back Government

CLEVELAND (FP)—The Lincoln Electric Co., big war profiteer, stamped its foot and said it just wasn't going to pay back to the government $3,250,000 excess profits it took in on U. S. war orders in 1942. Whether the stamping and name calling will do any good remains to be seen. Acting Sec. of the Navy James Forrestal, who determined the excess profits, said that unless the money was repaid by Nov. 5, he would direct withholding of that amount by the government from future payments for war goods.

W-O Workers Receive Award For Gardening

Workers at Willys-Overland Motors were among employees of 75 industries in the United States to receive the highest award of the National Victory Garden Institute for an "outstanding contribution to the victory garden program for 1943."

Walter Darowski, Willys Unit executive committeeman, was in charge of he garden for the union.

The Toledo company, which sponsored the farming of approximately 15 acres of land off Tremainsville Road near the Toledo Terminal Railroad tracks, was the only firm in this area to receive the award, the institute reported.

Willys workers harvested crops from 210 lots 100 by 25 feet each. Fall plowing for the 1944 garden will begin shortly, and a survey among Willys workers indicates that the number of participants will be greatly increased over 1943. Applications for lots are now being taken.

Judges in the national competition were Richardson Wright, editor, House & Garden magazine; J. W. Johnston, horticultural editor, New York Herald Tribune, and Carl F. Wedell, head of the school of horticulture, State Institute of Agriculture, Farmingdale, L. I.

LABOR PRESS THREATENED

SEATTLE (FP)—In a move which threatens the nation's entire labor press, seven labor publications here faced possible suspension under application of a new ruling by the industry-dominated printing and publishing division of the War Production Board that only commercial daily papers are "essential" to the war effort.

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Eisenhower in Sicily

By John Gunther

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I went ashore on Sicily with General Eisenhower. The first landings had taken place only 48 hours before, others were still going on. We had little information as to the progress of the fighting, but soon it became clear that the war was very close.

An American cruiser was about a mile offshore. It began to bark. First a flash, then a crack, then a whish of shell, finally the echo plunging back from the drear Sicilian hills.

The rate of firing increased, and another officer, American, said: "They must be on to it now."

We saw fires quite near. I asked an officer when the Luftwaffe had been over this harbor. He replied: "Constantly."

Our destroyer had picked up four German aviators from the water the night before and brought them in. They had been on a life raft 90 hours. A British lieutenant, naked to the waist and with shaggy black beard, said: "They were pretty pooped. We almost chucked one of them over."

Later the Germans were brought on the deck of the destroyer, and shown the prodigious display of warships steaming past. One German said: "I don't believe it. It can't be true." He had swallowed whole the Nazi propaganda that the British Mediterranean fleet had been sunk.

Eisenhower wanted to visit Sicily as soon as possible after the invasion, for several reasons: to confer with Hewitt, Patton and his other officers, to see for himself how things were going, and particularly to salute the Canadians who were associated with the British and Americans in a big-scale operation for the first time.

He stood on the deck and watched the shore flow along beside us and in conversation he constantly stressed the Allied nature of this tremendous operation, expressing his appreciation in the warmest terms of the "exquisite" co-ordination achieved by all. He talked about how Cunningham, Alexander and Tedder, each working perfectly on his own sphere, assembled the whole machine into action with consummate efficiency while he was only "Chairman of the Board."

Before this, I'd met Eisenhower two or three times, attended several of his press conferences, and been extremely impressed by this officer (only a lieutenant colonel a couple of years ago) who was now in supreme charge of one of the greatest, most complex operations in military history.

Friendly and Direct

He is a solidly built man of medium height, with sandy hair, big forehead and freckled face. He has one of the widest, most mobile grins imaginable. His manner is direct, simple, friendly.

You get the sense from him that he's very sure of himself and knows his own worth. But his informality and his modesty are intensely genuine. He's the least stuffed-shirted general I ever met. All his colleagues admire his enormous tact. He had never had concrete battle experience in the field till last November, yet found himself appointed superior to veterans like Alexander and Montgomery.

But he quickly proved himself a real strategist with the final victory in Tunisia. Now he has won not only the respect of his subordinates but this affection. Though he likes to call himself chairman of the board, he is much more than that. He is a perfect co-ordinator, capable of vigorous, decisive action. He is very shrewd, as anyone can tell on listening to his conversation, despite his tremendous modesty. He tries to keep in the background as much as possible, always stresses his responsibility to Washington and London, and even rufuses to let correspondents dateline anything as from "General Eisenhower's Headquarters." He insists they use the term "Allied Headquarters."

Eisenhower went to the Philippines with MacArthur in February, 1935. He returned to the United States in January, 1940. He was certain war was coming, but thought it would strike us from Europe first.

'Alarmist Ike'

Friends kidded him, called him 'Alarmist Ike." He went to work in the Third Army at San Antonio. From there he was called to Washington, after Pearl Harbor.

Eisenhower is as sound as can be on the essential strategy of war and speaks from experience of the comparative danger from the Germans and the Japanese. He knows we must beat Germany first for the most elemental reasons, and he is absolutely firm or Anglo-American solidarity.

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Conservation Fisheries Experiment With Nets

LANSING—A project to investigate the taking of ciscoes by nets to determine whether both cisco and trout can be taken from the same lake at different times of the year without injury to either species is being conducted in Birch Lake in Cass county by the conservation department's institute for fisheries research, fish division officials have announced.

The experiment will be conducted during the 1943 cisco spawning season in late November and early December. Gill nets of different lengths and mesh size, fyke nets, seines and dip nets with lights will be used. They will be set in various depths at different locations in deep water, shoal areas, on the bottom and floating from the surface to find out more about the distribution and migration of fish in the fall.

The Birch lake investigation is expected to determine whether the position of the net in relation to the shoreline has any effect on the fishing qualities of a net and which period of the day or night is the most suitable for harvesting ciscoes.

As complete information is lacking on the feeding and breeding habits of cisco, fisheries research men expect to learn from this investigation, data that will add to the present knowledge of the life history of ciscoes.

Birch Lake was chosen by conservation fisheries authorities for the experiment because it was of the first lakes where cis were abundant in which trout we planted; so both species are well enough established to make results of the investigation give the desired information.

The Birch Lake cisco netting experiment is part of the program of the state conservation department's institute for fisheries research to discover how to get the maximum production of fish from Michigan lakes.

Compensation Drops In Ohio

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 23—Continuing a record-breaking decline, payments of unemployment compensation in Ohio dropped to $54,416 during October, lowest point since the state started paying such benefits in 1939.

A further decrease also appears likely during November. Administrator Hugh S. Jenkins said in his report to Gov. John W. Bricker:

New claims declined 4 per cent during October to a total of only 1,967, while compensable weeks of unemployment (weeks during which the claimants are entitled to benefits) dropped 25 per cent to 4,306 for the month.

The record low in benefit payments during October was approximately 88 per cent under the same month a year ago, when benefits totaled $472,905, Administrator Jenkins said. Compared with September, 1943, the last previous all-time low, benefit payments during October were more than 20 per cent lower.

Every city in the state showed a drop in compensable unemployment during October as compared with a year ago, with the decreases ranging up to 100 per cent in few cases and more than 70 per cent in a majority of the localities.

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Bread Prices To Stay Down

WASHINGTON (FP) — Director of Economic Stabilization Fred M. Vinson has announced an annual $100,000,000 flour subsidy program, designed to keep the price of bread from rising one to two cents a loaf.

Cost of the subsidy to consumers will come to less than one-half cent a loaf. Without it, OES officials said, family flour prices would jump about 55 cents on a 100-pound bag. Funds for the program will be obtained through the Reconstruction Finance Corp.

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